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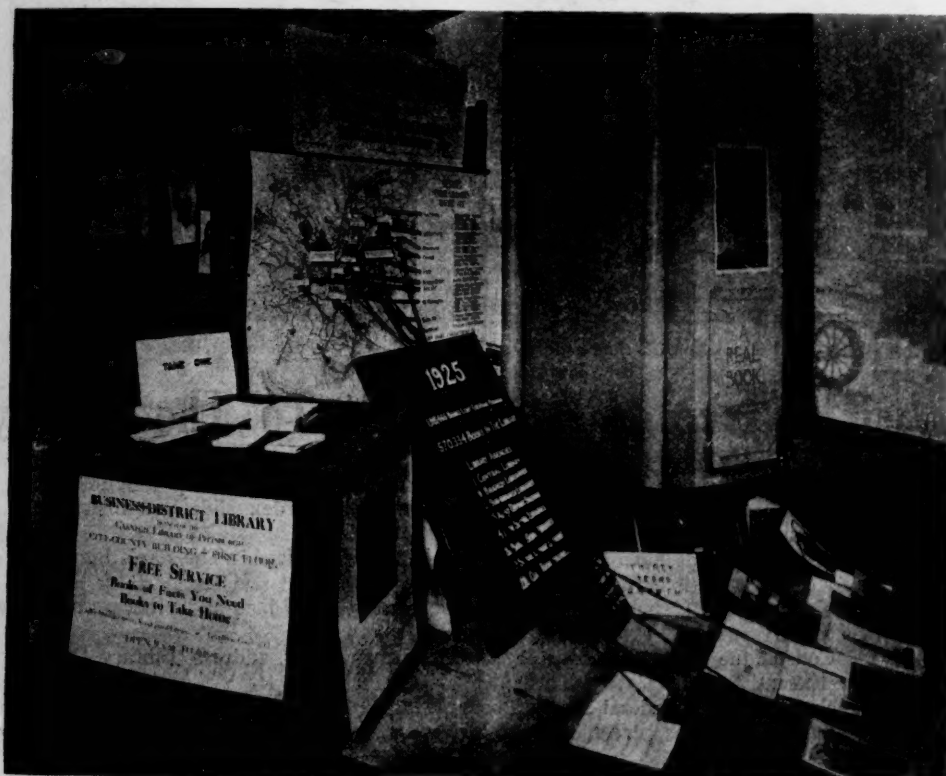
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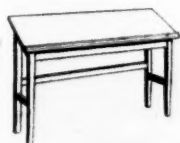
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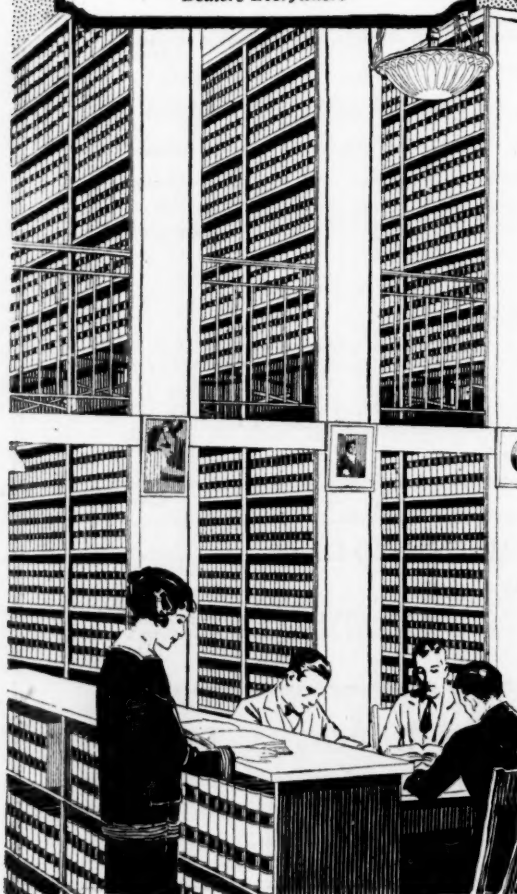
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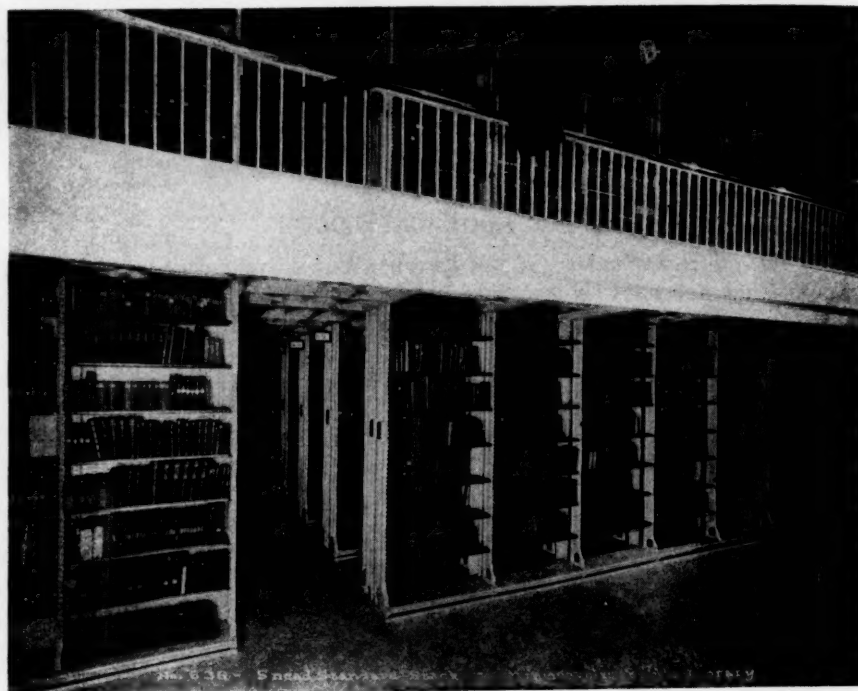
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The Winnetka Graded Book List

COMMENT BY NINE LEADING CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

"The Mountains were said to be in labour, and uttered the most dreadful groans. People came together, far and near, to see what birth would be produced: and after they had waited a considerable time in expectation, out crept a Mouse."—*Aesop*.

THE Winnetka Graded Book List, widely heralded as a scientific survey, "is the outcome," the authors state, "of an attempt to do two things: First, to find out what books are being read and enjoyed by children. Second, to find the age and degree of reading ability necessary for the children's enjoyment of these books."

Not content with these objectives the authors at some point leaped to the assumption that the study could be used as a guide to the "intelligent selection" of children's books by the children themselves, by parents, teachers and librarians.

Because the findings of the survey, claimed to be scientifically arrived at, are contrary to the practical experience and extended experimentation of children's librarians, not only in children's rooms but in close co-operation with public schools, we submitted the book to two specialists in statistical and scientific survey for a study of its scientific features. These specialists reported as follows:

1. The Winnetka Graded Book List is an interesting, if not convincing, attempt to apply the statistical method to the field of children's literature.

2. The authors' index of popularity is scientifically indefensible. This index of popularity and the few sentences which may be construed as indicating that this statistical test is a substitute for the intelligent, thoughtful directions of informed teachers, children's librarians and parents are the features of the Winnetka List which makes one wish fervently that the writers had not ventured to rear so lofty a structure on what is, after all, a rather weak foundation.

3. The Winnetka List is superficially plausible in its study of children's liking. The fact that the study showed such a high percentage of liking on the children's part, should have made the investigators question their data. The study is really and almost solely a study of the books available to certain children and in no sense tests the child's capacity for appreciation.

The children reported on the books they had read; obviously in most cases they would not have read them if they had not liked them unless under compulsion. If under compulsion they would scarcely feel free to report adversely. We have, therefore, no testimony as to how a given child likes this book as compared to that. To have had any real scientific value certain children should have read a certain group of books and reported whether or not they liked them. This would have made a more useful study than not as pretentious. Next to the index of popularity this is the outstanding fallacy of the study.

4. The authors were familiar with the rule against putting weight on small numbers and they omitted from their lists all books with less than twenty-five readers. A question may be raised as to the soundness of conclusions drawn on a basis as small as a minimum twenty-five, but to make the conclusions more doubtful the authors included both girls and boys in the twenty-five. Thus we learn that 67 per cent of the little boys who read "Memoirs of a London Doll" liked it. As three little boys read it, each represented thirty-three and one-third per cent. Had one little boy changed his vote to "yes," the "Memoirs of a London Doll," which was a ninety-five per cent book for girls, would have been a one hundred per cent book for boys. "Maida's Little Shop" is a one hundred per cent book for boys because one little boy read it and liked it. "Genevieve" is given as a fifty per cent book for boys; two read it and one liked it.

5. The decision to present the results as a guide, rather than as a statistical experiment, has carried the authors out where the data are too weak to stand the weight that is put upon them.

6. Here and there in the book are passages which might be interpreted as indicating a thought on the part of the authors that their statistics of what interests a child throw some discredit on the masterpieces. It is to be hoped that this was not their intention.

7. It is to be hoped also that parents, teachers and librarians are not going to pass books out to children on the basis of medians, averages and quartiles and more especially on the basis of the "index of popularity."

The authors speak on page 12 of making a study of the book "Scientific Determination of the Content of the Elementary Course in Reading," by Willis Lemon Uhl, associate professor of education in the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Uhl starts out with a specific object and a specific method. He seeks to find the material, (stories, poems and selections from readers) suitable for and popular in certain grades. To accomplish this he selects and has printed material which he sends out to certain selected schools whose superintendents choose teachers especially fitted for this work. A copy of each selection is put into the hands of each child who reports whether he likes it or not. The teachers also make reports. Dr. Uhl thus gets as definite material as possible and proceeds to make findings deducible from this material. Upon close study of this work we find that his deductions in every particular bear out the conclusions arrived at by children's librarians generally.

Unfortunately the Winnetka investigators did not build on such solid foundations as Uhl but on a basis which exposes them to severe criticism scientifically and practically. From this "weak foundation" pointed out by the two scientific experts the investigators proceed to make deductions which do not hold water. Undoubtedly these various scientific errors account for the discrepancies between the findings of the Winnetka investigators and the experiences of children's librarians.

INDEX OF POPULARITY

Probably the main scientific error in the book is the "index of popularity." Since the entire work is threaded on this index and since the authors state that "it shows better than any one factor how widely the book is read and liked," it seems necessary to state what it is.

The index was obtained by multiplying the number of children liking a book by the number of cities in which it was read. Thus if fifty children in ten cities read one book this index would make the book ten times as popular as if the book were read by fifty children in one city. Geographical distribution probably should have been considered to some extent, but it does not justify such enormous weight being given to the number of cities in which a book was read. Had the authors been reasonably familiar with children's literature they would have recognized, as soon as material was tabulated, the *reductio ad absurdum* of this method. Examples of the misleading features of the index could be given indefinitely from the book. Here are a few which are typical:

"Heidi" (Grade 6). Interest value: boys, 79 per cent; girls, 85 per cent. Index of popularity: 1848.

"Running Eagle" (Grade 6). Interest value:

boys, 83 per cent; girls, 87 per cent: Index of popularity: 24.

"Black Beauty" (Grade 5). Interest value: boys, 79 per cent; girls, 75 per cent: Index of popularity: 1450.

"Grimm's Household Stories" (Grade 5). Interest value: boys, 71 per cent; girls, 88 per cent. Index of popularity: 30.

Obviously there could be no such spread between popular books. The serious question arises also as to the apparent contradiction of the interest value and popularity index. In each case the books with higher "interest value" receive a popularity index almost at the vanishing point.

GRADING

The reading grading of the books is also contrary to our experience.

"Puck of Pook's Hill," which could scarcely be enjoyed by children below the sixth school grade because of its difficult subject matter and form, is placed in the fifth reading grade along with "Charlie and his Kitten, Topsy," "Tale of Mrs. Tittlemouse" and "Racketty-Packetty House." Children who could read "Puck of Pook's Hill" would feel insulted if given these little second and third grade books.

"Little House in the Woods," by Hunt (a simple second and third grade book) gets a reading grade of 5.4 while "Buccaneers and Pirates of our Coast," by Stockton (a seventh and eighth grade book), gets a reading grade of 5.9 and appears in the same reading grade.

"So-fat and Mew-mew," published by Heath, is placed in reading grade 3, while "Bow-wow and Mew-mew," published by Flanagan, is placed in grade 4. These two books, the compilers failed to note, are identical tho under different titles. Tho "Bow-wow and Mew-mew" is two grades younger in type and form it is put one reading grade above the more difficult one. Examples such as these cast grave doubt on the adequacy even of the authors' reading tests.

The following entries appear on pages 111 and 134:

Little Princess. Frances Hodgson Burnett. Scribner. \$2.50

	No.	Per Cent liking	Value	Age	Rgd. Grd.	5, 6, 7	50%	Cities	Index
Boys	1	100							
Girls	72	97	88	11.1	6.3	64%	5, 6, 7	13	91

Sara Crewe. Frances Hodgson Burnett. Scribner. \$1.65

	No.	Per Cent liking	Value	Age	Rgd. Grd.	6, 7, 8	50%	Cities	Index
Boys									
Girls	115	96	82	11.2	7.1	64%	6, 7	20	220

Here again we have a book under different titles reported on in one case by thirteen cities, in the other by twenty. The percentage liking changes, the index of popularity changes materially, the value changes, the reading grade changes. Read in thirteen cities it was found suitable for the sixth reading grade. Read in twenty cities it was found suitable for the seventh reading grade. If it had been submitted to more cities would its findings be changed again? Does not this variation also indicate insecure data?

THE WINNETKA BOOK LIST AS A GUIDE

The authors say, "To be able to recommend to each child a book which will fit both his age and his reading ability, with reasonable certainty that he will enjoy the book is an important desideratum in elementary education." And again they say, "But it (the list) should help children to find books for themselves in the library, and more particularly it should help parents, librarians and teachers in recommending books which are reasonably sure to be interesting and suitable for children of various ages and degrees of reading ability."

Of course no list, however prepared, will fit every child with books. It can be only suggestive. It would be most unfortunate if we should go back to the old lock step in children's reading and try to standardize in a book list what children should read. Individual taste will always elude statistics and grading and we are no more able to fit one little girl with a book because her twin sister likes it than we are able to make every adult like parsnips.

LITERARY MERIT

"Just what is literary merit anyway?" the Winnetka investigators sum up somewhat impatiently. Professor Uhl in summing up his investigation says:

"Literary form is important. Some versions of certain tales elicit many favorable comments while other versions pass unnoticed."

"Variabilities in the success of selections in different schools indicate that variabilities in academic standards rather than in populations are responsible for this success or the lack of it."

Speaking of the making of readers, Professor Uhl says:

"In the case of the compiler, there is an attempt to develop speedily an appreciation for fine literature and also speedily to extend greatly the pupil's familiarity with literature."

The authors make a good deal of the fact that the children's librarians who were asked to check the lists for literary merit were not in agreement. Some one has said that literary authorities have only agreed on the evaluation of one author since 1500, and that one was

Shakespeare. That children's librarians' taste is no more standardized than that of critics of literature is hopeful for the profession and the general culture of young people.

The Winnetka authors fall into the error, common some years ago but we thought outgrown, of believing that children's librarians have their heads in the clouds clamoring for literary merit only in children's books. Real literary merit is as rare in children's books as in adult. Children's librarians welcome it as a valuable asset when they find it (as a matter of fact the only children's books that live have literary merit). They base their selections on certain standards. Some of these standards are: gripping story, good description, sincerity, originality, lack of superficiality, sound ethics. Children's librarians work with many thousands of children of varying tastes. The fact that children's rooms in libraries everywhere without a lowering of standards are swarming with children would seem to indicate reasonable success in estimating their tastes and capacities.

WHY MANY CHILDREN LIKE TRASHY AND SERIES BOOKS

To quote the authors again: "One series of books which was read and liked by nine hundred children was unanimously voted trashy by the librarians. The children rating these books gave them a high value; 98 per cent of the children enjoyed them. What is it about such books that children enjoy, yet which is frowned upon by those who are expert in children's literature?"

The answer to this question is no mystery. First, children like them because they are the only books many of them have read. Many titles may be bought for ten, twenty-five or fifty cents and are given by unthinking adults as presents. Because they are not expensive they are loaned freely, one series often covering a neighborhood. Second, they are liked by children because they require little or no mental effort and because in them accomplishment appears so easy. Third, because familiar characters are met in successive volumes.

CHILDREN'S NOTES

Much has been made of the children's notes in this book list. Probably most classrooms and children's rooms in libraries thruout the country have files of such comments. Teachers and librarians have found, however, that little weight can be given to them because children are rarely spontaneous or exact when writing such comments for adults.

CONCLUSIONS

The general conclusions of the Winnetka investigators seem to be that what the child, with a very limited range of books available, appears to want is what children generally should have.

They are concerned with the immediate and not with the potential. They must then assume that the child is born with a self-propelling power, with a discrimination in reading which they would scarcely grant him in the arts, in ethics or in food selection.

Contrariwise, it is the experience of children's librarians that while almost all children like to read, their taste may be trained, that when they read poor books adults, and not children, are to blame, and, finally, when children's reading is made a matter of the expenditure of public funds, as in the case of the public schools and public libraries, it is obligatory that worthwhile books be selected.

Since the *Winnetka* list may mislead some teachers and many laymen who do not look beneath the surface of its "science" and since if it were really used children would be the sufferers we feel impelled to submit this review. We feel it especially because of the fact that children's librarians were asked to check submitted titles for literary merit, without being given any real idea of the nature of the study. The use of their names in the book without their consent is questionable. Unfortunately, tho this was of course unintentional, it does give some impression of approval on their part. We doubt the giving of this approval by trained children's librarians.

We are at a loss to explain the publication, by the American Library Association, of a study that seems to repudiate most of the principles of book selection for which the profession stands.

The fact that the governing officials are not experienced in children's work should have made them appeal to the officers of the children's section when this study was contemplated and before it was given the imprint of the American Library Association.

That the association officials have not proceeded in this manner in its work for children has resulted in many previous blunders. If this, the most conspicuous, should result in children's work being referred to those trained to handle it, and their corporate capacity, the *Winnetka* list will have had one excellent, tho unintentional, result.

Meantime, can the American Library Association continue the sale of a book which is grossly misleading as a guide to book selection for children?

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Standards for Training and Apprentice Classes

PROVISIONAL minimum standards for library training and apprentice classes presented by the A. L. A. Board of Education for Librarianship to the Council at the Atlantic City meeting March 7th were accepted by the Council. The curriculum suggested for both classes is presented for its possible helpfulness but not for action, since the Charters Curriculum Study now being made for the Board will eventually give definite facts upon which to base a curriculum.

An executive officer with authority, sufficient financial backing, and adequate library facilities, secretarial assistance, quarters and equipment are postulated. The instructional staff should have at least one teacher giving full time to the work of the class, and in addition an adequate number of part-time teachers and the necessary number of assistants to cover the revision of student work and other duties. Their academic and professional preparation should include a degree representing four years of work in an approved college or university, or an equivalent acceptable to the Board, and completion of one year of work in an accredited library school or its equivalent. Practical knowledge of their subjects and evidence of efficiency in teaching should be shown by the staff. The class should be selected from applicants between eighteen and thirty-five who are graduates from an accredited high school and have also passed an entrance examination. The curriculum should cover six months or twenty-five weeks, statement of the satisfactory completion of the curriculum to constitute the credential. The thousand hours of the course are divided into five hundred of practical work, 250 preparation hours, and 250 class hours (fifty-minute periods), devoted to book evaluation, library administration, reference work, cataloging and classification.

The requirements for the library apprentice class are much the same. The minimum age is lowered to sixteen. The length of the session is eight weeks. The practical work is not to exceed two-thirds of the total hours, as compared to the maximum of one-half in the case of the training class, or 200 hours in the course of 320 hours here outlined.

Certificates in Wisconsin

THE Wisconsin Public Library Certification Board has during the last three years granted 202 certificates and (in the last two years) 32 licenses. Of these certificates 59 are grade one; 51 grade two; and 92 grade three.

The Spring Output of Children's Books

DESIGNED merely for the convenience of children's librarians in checking the spring output of juvenile books, the following list has been compiled from publishers' announcements with but little selection or omission. Text books and toy books have as a rule been excluded.

- Adams, Katharine. *Toto and the gift*. Macmillan. \$1.75.
- Aesop. *Fables*. Macmillan. \$1.25. (Modern reader's series).
- Alexanian, Manoog der. *When I was a boy in Armenia*. Lothrop. il. \$1.25. (Children of other lands books).
- Allee, W. C., and M. H. *Jungle Island*. Rand. il. \$1.
- Almond, L. S. *Mary Redding takes charge*. Crowell. il. \$1.75.
- Andrews, Annabel, ed. *Standard juvenile speaker*. Laird. 50c.
- Arabian nights' fairy tales. J. H. Sears. 50c. (Juvenile classics).
- Ashmun, Margaret. *School keeps to-day*. Macmillan. il. \$1.75 (?)
- Ashton, M. P. *Story-book tales for little children*. Beckley-Cardy. il. 70c.
- Barbour, R. H. *Pud Pringle, pirate*. Houghton. \$1.75.
- *Winning year*. Appleton. \$1.75.
- Barten, M. H. *Barton books*. Cupples & Leon. 65c. each. Titles: *Girl from the country*; *Three girl chums at Laurel Hall*; *Nell Grayson's ranching days*; *Four little women of Roxby*; *Plain Jane and Pretty Betty*.
- Beach, Rainsford. *Playmates in America*. Holt. il. \$3.
- Benét, W. R. *Magic door*. Doran. il. \$2.
- Bianco, M. W. *Apple tree*. Doran. \$2.
- Blake, Gladys. *Old king's treasure*. Appleton. \$1.75.
- Bolton, S. K. *Famous men of science*. New ed. Crowell. il. \$2.
- Branch, M. L. B. *Kanter girls*. Adelphi. il. \$2.
- Bridges, T. C. *Young folks' book of invention*. Little. il. \$2.
- Browne, Frances. *Granny's wonderful chair*. J. H. Sears. 50c. (Juvenile classics).
- *Granny's wonderful chair*. New ed. Dutton. il. \$2.
- Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim's progress*. Macmillan. il. (Children's classic ser.)
- Campbell, H. R. *Patsy's brother*. Harper. \$1.75.
- Carroll, Lewis, *pseud.* *Alice in wonderland*. J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Cervantes, Miguel de. *Adventures of Don Quixote*. Macmillan. il. \$1.75. (Children's classic ser.)
- Chadwick, Lester. *Baseball Joe, club owner*. Cupples. \$1.
- Chaffee, Allen. *Brownie, the engineer of Beaver Stream*. Milton Bradley. il. \$1.50.
- Charskaya, L. A. *Fledglings*. Holt. il. \$2.
- Chisholm, Louey, and Amy Steedman. *Staircase of stories*. Nelson. il. \$3.
- Clarke, C. R. *Boys' book of physics*. New ed. Dutton. \$2.
- Clifton, I. L. *Camp fire boy tracking squad*. Barse. il. 60c.
- Collins, A. C. *Amateur entertainer*. Appleton. il. \$2.
- (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Coliadi, Carlo. *Pinocchio*. J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25.
- Coolidge, F. C. *Little ugly face*. Macmillan. il. 80c.
- Cooper, J. F. *Deerslayer*. Louis Rhead ed. Harper. il. \$1.75.
- *Last of the Mohicans*. Dodd. \$1. (Astor Library).
- *Last of the Mohicans*. Winston. 87c. (Companion classics).
- *Pathfinder*. Macmillan. \$1.25. (Modern reader's ser.).
- Cruse, Amy. *Young folks' books of myths*. Little. il. \$2.
- Curtis, A. T. *Yankee girl at Vicksburg*. Penn. \$1.50. (Yankee girl books).
- Dana, R. H. *Two years before the mast*. Macmillan. \$1.25. (Modern reader's ser.)
- Darrow, F. L. *Boys' own book of great inventions*. New ed. Macmillan. il. \$2.
- *Boys' own book of science*. New ed. Macmillan. il. \$2.
- Daulton, A. M. *Green gate*. Century. il. \$1.75.
- Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*. J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles.)
- Deihl, E. G. *Looking glass*. Whitman. 75c.
- *Mr. Blue Peacock*. Whitman. 65c.
- Denton, C. J. *Denton's new program book*. Whitman. 75c.
- Dickens, Charles. *Children of Dickens*. J. H. Sears. 50c. (Juvenile classics.)
- Dix, B. M. *Little captive lad*. Reissue. Macmillan. il. \$1.75.
- Dodge, M. M. *Hans Brinker*. J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Enright, W. J. *Once upon a time stories: three books of fairy tales retold in pictures*. Greenberg. 50c. each. Titles: *Jack the giant killer*; *Three little pigs and the three little bears*; *Hansel and Gretel*, and *The farmer, his son and their donkey*.
- Evans, L. B. *Pirate of Bartaria*. Milton Bradley. il. \$1.75.
- Ewing, Mrs. J. H. O. *Jackanapes and other stories*. J. H. Sears. 50c. (Juvenile classics.)
- France, Anatole. *Bee, princess of the dwarfs*. New ed. Dutton. \$2.50.
- Freeman, L. C. *Nip and Tuck*. J. H. Sears. \$2.
- Garis, H. R. *Tom Cardiff's circus*. Milton Bradley. il. \$1.50.
- Geister, Edna, and M. W. Hinman. *Getting together: fun for parties of any size*. Doran. \$1.35.
- Goodenough, Lady. *Boys' chronicle of Muntaner*. Appleton. il. \$2.
- Green, Fitzhugh. *Uncle Sam's sailors*. Appleton. \$2.
- Green, Lieut.-Commander Fitzhugh. *Pearl*. Putnam. il.
- Grimm's fairy tales. J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Happy Easter stories. Whitman. 75c.
- Hart, G. L. *Taggy and Waggy*. Dorrance. \$2.
- Hawkes, Clarence. *Jungle Joe, pride of the circus*. Lothrop. il. \$1.50.
- Heyliger, William. *Dorset's twister*. Appleton. \$1.75.
- Higgins, V. M. *Gingerbread man*. Picture ed. Whitman. 65c.
- Hill, G. B. *Corner House girls facing the world*. Barse. il. 85c. (Corner House girls ser.)

- Hornibrook, Isabel. *Pemrose Lorry, torchbearer.* Little. il. \$1.75.
- Hoyt, C. A. *Prairie treasure.* Century. il. \$1.75.
- Hulbert, H. B. *Face in the mist.* Milton Bradley. il. \$1.50.
- Hulburt, J. Lyman, ed. *Lives of our presidents every child can read.* Winston. \$1. (Every child's library).
- Jessup, Elon. *Boys' book of canoeing.* Dutton. il. 60c.
- Judson, C. I. *Mary Jane's winter sports.* Barse. il. 60c. (Mary Jane ser.).
- Kemp, E. C. *Bible stories: retold for children.* Adelphi. il. \$2.50.
- Kingsley, Charles. *The heroes.* Nelson. 75c; \$1.50. (Nelson's English ser.)
- Kinney, Muriel. *Stars and their stories.* Appleton. \$1.25.
- Lamprey, L. *Children of Ancient Egypt.* Little. \$1.50.
- Lancaster, Hawes. *Rainbow boy.* Whitman. \$1.25.
- Lansing, Marion. *Great moments in science.* Doubleday. il. \$2.50.
- Lawrence, Josephine. *Elizabeth Ann's borrowed grandma.* Barse. il. 85c. (Elizabeth Ann ser.).
- Linda Lane's plan. Barse. il. 85c. (Linda Lane ser.).
- Le Cron. *Animal etiquette book.* Stokes. il. \$1.50.
- Loomis, A. F. *Bascom chest.* Century. il. \$1.75.
- Lucas, Mrs. E., tr. *Fairy tales from Hans Christian Andersen.* New ed. Dutton. il. \$2.50.
- MacDonald, Greville. *Billy Barnicoat.* New ed. Dutton. il. \$2.
- Malloch, Douglas. *Little hopscippe.* Doran. \$2.
- Markham, Virgil. *The scamp.* Macmillan. il. \$2.
- Marshall, Edison. *Campfire courage.* Harper. \$1.75.
- Mead, E. C. *Good manners for children.* Dodd. \$1.25.
- Merry Christmas stories. Whitman. 75c.
- Miller, W. H. *Boy explorers in the pirate Archipelago.* Harper. il. \$1.75.
- Monahan, Maud. *Children's saint: the story of Saint Madeleine Sophie.* Longmans. il. 90c.; \$1.25.
- Munroe, Kirk. *Belt of seven totems.* Lippincott. il. \$2.
- Nesbit, E. *Five of us and Madeline.* Adelphi. il. \$1.75.
- Patch, E. M. *First lessons in nature study.* Macmillan. \$1.
- Peggy Ann in Latin America. Abingdon. 75c.
- Peter Rabbit. Il. by Estelle V. Frantz. Whitman, 65c.
- Phelps, E. S. *Story of Jesus Christ.* Houghton. \$2.50.
- Pinocchio, ed. by Violet Moore Higgins. Whitman. \$1.25.
- Plimpton, Edna. *Your workshop.* Macmillan. il. \$2. (Work and play ser.)
- Pocock, Doris. *Summer at Hallowdene Farm.* Appleton. \$1.75.
- Ranson, Will, and Alex de Jong. *Little Dutchy: nursery songs from Holland.* Brentano's. il. music. \$2.50.
- Retner, B. A. *Tired trolley car.* Doubleday. il. \$1.75.
- Richy, E. C. *Stories of animal village.* Beckley-Cardy. il. 70c.
- Ritchie, L. M., and R. R. Moore. *Chicken Little Jane in the Rockies.* Barse. il. 85c. (Chicken Little Jane ser.).
- Sarg, Tony. *Tony Sarg's book for children.* Greenberg. il. \$3.75.
- Sawyer, Ruth. *This way to Christmas.* New ed. Harper. il. \$2.50(?).
- Scott, Leroy. *Trail of glory.* Houghton. \$1.75.
- Seaman, A. H. *Adventures of the seven keyholes.* Century. il. \$1.50.
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty.* J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Silvers, E. R. *Spirit of Menlo.* Appleton. \$1.75.
- Singmaster, Elsie. *Book of the constitution for young people.* Doran. \$1.50.
- *Book of the United States for young people.* Doran. \$2.
- Small, S. A. *Boys' book of electricity.* New ed. Dutton. \$2.
- *Boys' book of the earth.* New ed. Dutton. \$2.
- Snell, R. J. *Skimmer the daring.* Whitman. \$1.
- Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi.* J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Peppino. Lippincott. il. 75c. (Lippincott's children's classics).
- Standish, B. L. *Lefty Locke wins out.* Barse. il. 60c. (Big League ser.).
- Stevenson, R. L. *Child's garden of verses.* J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- *Kidnapped; and Catriona.* Oxford. (World's classics).
- *Treasure Island.* Nelson. 75c. (Nelson's English ser.).
- *Treasure Island.* J. H. Sears. il. \$1.25. (Sears' illustrated juveniles).
- Stowe, H. B. *Uncle Tom's cabin.* Macmillan. \$1.25. (Modern readers' ser.).
- Szalatnay, R. D. *Folk songs of Bohemia; words and music arranged by Dorothy Cooper.* Szalatnay. il. \$2.50.
- Thompson, B. J. *Silver pennies, a collection of modern poems for boys and girls.* Macmillan. il. \$1. (Little library ser.).
- Tolman, A. W. *Jim Spurling, leaders.* Harper. \$1.75.
- Tomlinson, T. *Washington's young scouts.* Appleton. \$1.75.
- Totheroh, Dan. *David Hotfoot.* Doran. \$1.50.
- Underhill, A. F. *Goochy Goggles and his pollywog named Woggles.* il. Milton Bradley. \$2; \$3.
- *Rhymes of Goochy Goggles and his pollywog named Woggles.* McLoughlin. il. \$2.
- Warner, F. A. *Bobby Blake on Mystery Mountain.* Barse. il. 85c. (Bobby Blake ser.).
- White, R. A. *Sunny Boy with the circus.* Barse. il. 60c. (Sunny Boy ser.).
- Whitehill, Dorothy. *Polly at Pixie's haunt.* Barse. il. 85c. (Polly ser.).
- *Twin's wedding.* Barse. il. 60c. (Twin ser.).
- Wike, M. B. *Bird wonders.* Whitman. 60c.
- Williams, E. H. *Larry of the North.* Harper. il. \$1.75.
- Williams, Michael. *Little brother Francis of Assisi.* Macmillan. il. \$1.50.
- Winfrey, Guy. *Bunny Bearskin.* Milton Bradley. il. \$1.50.
- Woods, Alexandrina. *Little gray doors.* Milton Bradley. il. \$2.

A. L. A. Fiftieth Anniversary Fund

Of the thirty-five thousand dollars which the A. L. A. wants for its Fiftieth Anniversary Conference fund, \$23,275 has already been subscribed and the total is mounting daily.

Municipal Support for American Libraries

By SAMUEL HAVERSTICK RANCK

THE accompanying table showing the percentage of the distribution of payments of cities for their libraries, is arranged in order from the highest downwards, and is illuminating in many ways. The figures were taken from the financial statistics of cities having a population of over 30,000, as compiled by the Bureau of the Census for the year 1923. The volume containing this data was issued in December, 1925. I have put against each city the per capita payments for libraries in that city, and preceding the name of the city is its rank in population, the 248 cities of 30,000 and over being arranged in the Census volume in the order of their population, New York being first. These figures demonstrate several things:

One is that there may be a wide difference between the percentage of expenditures and the per capita expenditures for libraries in comparing one city with another.

Another point to notice is that these expenditures include all payments by the municipality, and where the library is operated by a private corporation under contract with the municipality only the municipal payments are included. In a library that has large endowment funds, but is a private corporation, the expenditures from endowment funds do not show in the statement. On the other hand if the library board is a

municipal corporation and holds large endowment funds those expenditures from the endowments do show: in other words, in some cities these payments include only items that appear in the tax budget, and in other cities it includes both money from endowments, or trust funds, etc., as well as tax money.

However, instances of this kind apply to only a relatively small number of libraries. A striking feature of the tabulation is the most meagre income, both per capita and in percentage, received by libraries in many of our cities. As stated in the short article which appeared with the graphs published in the LIBRARY JOURNAL of January 15, the public libraries of the country as a whole are hardly holding their own in financial support as compared with other municipal activities. There are, of course, many exceptions to this, but a study of the accompanying tabulation is very illuminating on this whole matter.

In the following table, cities are arranged in the order of percentages of payments from the highest downward. The average of these payments for libraries 1923, was 1.3 per cent of all municipal payments other than public service enterprises. The number at the left is the city's rank in population, that at the right the per capita payment for libraries.

Rank	City	Exp. per Cent	Exp. per Capita	Rank	City	Exp. per Cent	Exp. per Capita	Rank	City	Exp. per Cent	Exp. per Capita
86	Evansville, Ind.,	3.3	\$.69	16	Minneapolis, Minn.,	2.3	.83	135	Haverhill, Mass.,	2.0	.62
200	Muskegon, Mich.,	3.3	.87	73	Utica, N. Y.,	2.3	.67	169	Kenosha, Wis.,	2.0	.57
155	Lakewood, Ohio,	3.0	.84	156	Malden, Mass.,	2.3	.72	205	Joliet, Ill.,	2.0	.50
196	Brookline, Mass.,	2.9	1.55	178	Stockton, Calif.,	2.3	.83	210	Aurora, Ill.,	2.0	.34
84	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	2.8	.68	186	Madison, Wis.,	2.3	.81	237	Green Bay, Wis.,	2.0	.51
211	Waterloo, Iowa,	2.8	.70	188	Butte, Mont.,	2.3	.51	71	Spokane, Wash.,	1.9	.58
5	Cleveland, Ohio,	2.7	.92	209	Battle Creek, Mich.,	2.3	.58	92	Manchester, N. H.,	1.9	.46
111	Saginaw, Mich.,	2.7	.66	242	Waltham, Mass.,	2.3	.75	123	New Britain, Conn.,	1.9	.47
112	Gary, Ind.,	2.7	.71	96	St. Joseph, Mo.,	2.2	.43	129	Davenport, Iowa,	1.9	.50
115	Long Beach, Calif.,	2.7	.97	102	Rockford, Ill.,	2.2	.55	158	Cedar Rapids, Iowa,	1.9	.44
138	East Orange, N. J.,	2.7	.86	110	Terre Haute, Ind.,	2.2	.54	163	Bay City, Mich.,	1.9	.52
43	Dayton, Ohio,	2.6	.62	126	Springfield, Ill.,	2.2	.54	202	Muncie, Ind.,	1.9	.40
166	Decatur, Ill.,	2.6	.43	187	Everett, Mass.,	2.2	.72	213	Stamford, Conn.,	1.9	.65
236	Oshkosh, Wis.,	2.6	.80	198	Springfield, Mo.,	2.2	.43	217	Rock Island, Ill.,	1.9	.31
240	Moline, Ill.,	2.6	.56	20	Indianapolis, Ind.,	2.1	.67	218	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,	1.9	.49
30	St. Paul, Minn.,	2.5	.76	28	Louisville, Ky.,	2.1	.48	223	Easton, Pa.,	1.9	.45
125	Berkeley, Calif.,	2.5	.82	49	Bridgeport, Conn.,	2.1	.69	10	Pittsburg, Pa.,	1.8	.77
151	Pasadena, Calif.,	2.5	1.17	79	Somerville, Mass.,	2.1	.53	31	Oakland, Calif.,	1.8	.53
154	Kalamazoo, Mich.,	2.5	.66	90	San Diego, Calif.,	2.1	.73	46	Youngstown, Ohio,	1.8	.45
162	Newton, Mass.,	2.5	1.41	97	Sioux City, Iowa,	2.1	.55	54	Des Moines, Iowa,	1.8	.51
246	La Crosse, Wis.,	2.5	.69	98	South Bend, Ind.,	2.1	.64	130	Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1.8	.38
4	Detroit, Mich.,	2.4	.97	121	Racine, Wis.,	2.1	.54	207	Superior, Wis.,	1.8	.55
47	Grand Rapids, Mich.,	2.4	.71	170	Hammond, Ind.,	2.1	.57	185	Salem, Mass.,	1.8	.64
94	Peoria, Ill.,	2.4	.60	225	Danville, Ill.,	2.1	.36	208	Dubuque, Iowa,	1.8	.39
190	East Chicago, Ind.,	2.4	.57	22	Seattle, Wash.,	2.0	.80	215	Council Bluffs, Iowa,	1.8	.34
194	Evanston, Ill.,	2.4	.87	26	Toledo, Ohio,	2.0	.60	8	Boston, Mass.,	1.7	.86

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19	Kansas City, Mo.,	1.7	.63	55	New Bedford, Mass.,	1.2	.45	231	Amsterdam, N. Y.,	.8	.19
32	Atlanta, Ga.,	1.7	.37	72	Elizabeth, N. J.,	1.2	.34	245	Newburgh, N. Y.,	.8	.22
57	Salt Lake City, Utah,	1.7	.46	81	Waterbury, Conn.,	1.2	.41	3	Philadelphia, Pa.,	.7	.25
75	Tacoma, Wash.,	1.7	.44	89	Allentown, Pa.,	1.2	.20	18	New Orleans, La.,	.7	.21
87	Savannah, Ga.,	1.7	.30	102	Sacramento, Cal.,	1.2	.45	27	Columbus, Ohio	.7	.17
113	Pawtucket, R. I.,	1.7	.39	122	Lansing, Mich.,	1.2	.30	33	Akron, Ohio,	.7	.17
175	Pittsfield, Mass.,	1.7	.49	140	Wheeling, W. Va.,	1.2	.24	39	San Antonio, Tex.,	.7	.13
244	Muskogee, Okla.,	1.7	.49	159	Wichita Falls, Tex.,	1.2	.15	117	Springfield, Ohio,	.7	.14
9	Los Angeles, Calif.,	1.6	.70	168	Chelsea, Mass.,	1.2	.41	137	Huntington, W. Va.,	.7	.16
41	New Haven, Conn.,	1.6	.47	191	San José, Calif.,	1.2	.33	181	Charleston, W. Va.,	.7	.15
74	Lynn, Mass.,	1.6	.47	214	Taunton, Mass.,	1.2	.32	192	Williamsport, Pa.,	.7	.12
132	Lincoln, Neb.,	1.6	.43	222	New Brunswick, N. J.,	1.2	.42	216	Portsmouth, Ohio,	.7	.12
165	New Castle, Pa.,	1.6	.32	12	Buffalo, N. Y.,	1.1	.46	238	Columbus, Ga.,	.7	.15
167	Oak Park, Ill.,	1.6	.47	15	Newark, N. J.,	1.1	.50	50	Fort Worth, Tex.,	.6	.13
172	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,	1.6	.78	23	Jersey City, N. J.,	1.1	.46	78	Canton, Ohio,	.6	.14
204	Chicopee, Mass.,	1.6	.41	85	El Paso, Tex.,	1.1	.23	146	Shreveport, La.	.6	.13
7	Baltimore, Md.,	1.5	.43	88	Knoxville, Tenn.,	1.1	.25	182	Lexington, Ky.,	.6	.14
25	Denver, Colo.,	1.5	.51	95	Wichita, Kansas,	1.1	.26	40	Dallas, Tex.,	.5	.13
35	Birmingham, Ala.,	1.5	.26	108	East St. Louis, Ill.,	1.1	.20	69	Yonkers, N. Y.,	.5	.24
36	Worcester, Mass.,	1.5	.57	114	Hoboken, N. J.,	1.1	.44	93	Harrisburg, Pa.,	.5	.12
56	Trenton, N. J.,	1.5	.44	153	Atlantic City, N. J.,	1.1	.75	103	Troy, N. Y.,	.5	.17
70	Duluth, Minn.,	1.5	.44	179	Medford, Mass.,	1.1	.33	119	Hamtramck, Mich.,	.5	.10
83	Lawrence, Mass.,	1.5	.49	212	New Rochelle, N. Y.,	1.1	.65	139	Macon, Ga.,	.5	.10
150	Quincy, Mass.,	1.5	.54	243	Newport, R. I.,	1.1	.36	174	Woonsocket, R. I.,	.5	.12
161	Elmira, N. Y.,	1.5	.40	2	Chicago, Ill.,	1.0	.37	227	Wilmington, N. C.	.5	.09
6	St. Louis, Mo.,	1.4	.42	58	Camden, N. J.,	1.0	.27	234	Norristown, Pa.	.5	.07
13	Milwaukee, Wis.,	1.4	.52	61	Albany, N. Y.,	1.0	.34	29	Providence, R. I.	.4	.14
17	Cincinnati, Ohio,	1.4	.50	64	Lowell, Mass.,	1.0	.32	144	Lancaster, Pa.	.4	.05
48	Springfield, Mass.,	1.4	.64	65	Flint, Mich.,	1.0	.25	136	Portsmouth, Va.	.3	.05
52	Paterson, N. J.,	1.4	.41	76	Jacksonville, Fla.,	1.0	.26	118	Chester, Pa.	.2	.03
66	Erie, Pa.,	1.4	.29	77	Oklahoma City, Okla.,	1.0	.27	160	York, Pa.	.2	.03
67	Cambridge, Mass.,	1.4	.52	82	Tulsa, Okla.,	1.0	.22	124	Mobile, Ala.	.1	.01
91	Bayonne, N. J.,	1.4	.49	134	Covington, Ky.,	1.0	.16	131	Bethlehem, Pa.	.1	.02
116	Passaic, N. J.,	1.4	.43	141	Cicero, Ill.,	1.0	.19	206	Columbia, S. C.	.1	.03
127	Holyoke, Mass.,	1.4	.56	157	Charlotte, N. C.,	1.0	.18	224	Newport News, Va.	.1	.02
142	Roanoke, Va.,	1.4	.31	180	Lima, Ohio,	1.0	.17	148	Augusta, Ga. Less than	.05	.01
143	Tampa, Fla.,	1.4	.36	189	Fitchburg, Mass.,	1.0	.36	233	Pensacola, Fla. " "	.05	.01
147	Jackson, Mich.,	1.4	.33	201	Lorain, Ohio,	1.0	.26	104	Charleston, S. C. " "	.05	.005
183	Greensboro, N. C.,	1.4	.18	11	San Francisco, Cal.,	.9	.30				
219	Quincy, Ill.,	1.4	.28	53	Hartford, Conn.,	.9	.33				
228	Hazleton, Pa.,	1.4	.26	100	Binghamton, N. Y.,	.9	.28				
239	Watertown, N. Y.,	1.4	.36	105	Little Rock, Ark.,	.9	.15				
42	Memphis, Tenn.,	1.3	.35	177	Montgomery, Ala.,	.9	.14				
59	Nashville, Tenn.,	1.3	.23	195	Hamilton, Ohio,	.9	.15				
60	Fall River, Mass.,	1.3	.48	1	New York, N. Y.,	.8	.35				
62	Wilmington, Del.,	1.3	.27	14	Washington, D. C.,	.8	.31	24	Portland, Ore.		
68	Reading, Pa.,	1.3	.24	44	Norfolk, Va.,	.8	.21	38	Richmond, Va.		
109	Brockton, Mass.,	1.3	.40	45	Houston, Tex.,	.8	.20	99	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.		
128	Highland Park, Mich.,	1.3	.48	51	Scranton, Pa.,	.8	.20	106	Johnstown, Pa.		
176	Perth Amboy, N. J.,	1.3	.33	63	Kansas City, Kan.,	.8	.16	120	Altoona, Pa.		
193	West Hoboken, N. J.,	1.3	.31	80	Schenectady, N. Y.,	.8	.25	149	Fresno, Cal.		
199	Waco, Tex.,	1.3	.31	101	Portland, Me.,	.8	.27	171	Galveston, Tex.		
226	Ogden, Utah,	1.3	.30	133	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	.8	.26	173	Beaumont, Tex.		
235	Lewiston, Me.,	1.3	.21	145	Winston-Salem, N. C.,	.8	.14	197	Jamestown, N. Y.		
241	Sheboygan, Wis.,	1.3	.36	152	Topeka, Kan.,	.8	.20	203	Pontiac, Mich.		
248	Colorado Spgs., Colo.,	1.3	.45	164	McKeesport, Pa.,	.8	.19	220	Austin, Tex.		
21	Rochester, N. Y.,	1.2	.51	184	Pueblo, Colo.,	.8	.19	229	Orange, N. J.		
34	Omaha, Neb.,	1.2	.35	221	Auburn, N. Y.,	.8	.21	232	Petersburg, Va.		
37	Syracuse, N. Y.,	1.2	.41	230	Kokomo, Ind.,	.8	.14	247	Lynchburg, Va.		

In the following cities these percentages are not given for the reason that the library is supported by the county, or by a private corporation, or because there is no library in the city:

24	Portland, Ore.
38	Richmond, Va.
99	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
106	Johnstown, Pa.
120	Altoona, Pa.
149	Fresno, Cal.
171	Galveston, Tex.
173	Beaumont, Tex.
197	Jamestown, N. Y.
203	Pontiac, Mich.
220	Austin, Tex.
229	Orange, N. J.
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247	Lynchburg, Va.

Seven hundred and thirty-five new A. L. A. members have been enrolled since January 1, six hundred and eighty-nine of these having joined in February and March. The number includes twenty-nine institutional members, eight life members, and thirty-four library trustees.

A Mining Town Library

By MARION HERBERT

MINERS have been much in the limelight in the last few months, and the story of the opening of the Lansford Library illustrates the fact that the miner may be concerned with other things than his pick.

Lansford is a typical mining town. It has a population of about ten thousand people, forty per cent of whom are foreign born. Up to this time there has never been a library, or a book store, in the town, and the schools afforded only text books for the children to read. The only literary material adults have been able to secure has been from a cigar store which sells Grosset reprints and magazines. Thus neither children nor adults had any way of getting suitable books.

A few people felt that this situation must be remedied—and that a public library was truly needed. A campaign for money was launched. Many skeptics said that Lansford did not need a library, and would not use it if it had one; but the town responded generously to the appeal made. Seventeen thousand dollars was raised to start a library and run it for two years.

A room was then secured in the school building, the librarian was appointed, and in the middle of September work began. In four months furniture, shelving and equipment were purchased, twenty-five hundred books were accessioned, cataloged and shelf-listed. The library was ready to lend books.

There was no formal opening. A simple notice in the paper, and the open door were sufficient. Children and adults came pouring in. In a week we had registered twelve hundred people, and were lending four and five hundred books a day. There was no question about the popularity of the Library.

With a collection of only twenty-five hundred books this circulation meant that books passed from reader to reader and never went to the shelves at all. The fiction and the children's shelves have been swept clean each day. To take an armful of books to the children's corner has been like throwing corn to a flock of hungry chickens. The books have almost been snatched from our hands before we could get half way across the room.

The grown people, particularly the men from eighteen to twenty-five, have been almost as eager. The registration records show that miners, loaders, laborers, plumbers, electrical workers, motormen, chauffeurs, engineers and many others are using the library. Even the ending of the strike, cutting off as it did the men's leisure time, has not diminished their

reading. The largest circulation we have had came ten days after the strike was over and six weeks after the opening. It is clearly not all the novelty of the thing that attracts them.

The character of the reading, too, has been interesting. As might be expected, the greatest demand has been for western and detective stories; but there have been unexpected and rather surprising calls for other books as well. "The Charm of Fine Manners" enticed one man, and "Psychology and the Day's Work" another. The "Iliad" has not been neglected, and Conrad has been a "best favorite." A small collection of technical books on coal and mining has been going out remarkably well, as have the books in Slovak, Polish and Italian. Many other illustrations of the kind of books the miners read could be given, but to say that of the books borrowed by adult readers only sixty-eight per cent were fiction suffices to show that the demand has been not only for "something to pass the time."

The first miners to settle in Lansford were Welshmen and their children and grandchildren make up the greater part of the inhabitants today. As in most American communities there are also many Irishmen of the second and third generation. Add to these two, Slovaks, Poles, Italians, Russians, Ruthenians and Greeks you have a community of varied interests, and varied cultures, but all of whom are likely to be good patrons of the library.

We have not made any special effort to attract these different nationalities. That we hope to do later. But that they are, most of them (particularly the Slovaks) readers by inclination has been shown by the fact that a neighboring town, with a library of twelve thousand volumes, but practically no foreigners in its population, has an average circulation of three thousand books a month, while Lansford with only twenty-five hundred gave out 8099 books during its first month.

A whole story could be written about the Lansford children and the library. So eager were they for books, so interested in every detail, that before we opened they lined the windows three and four deep to gaze longingly in, and begged to be allowed just to look at the books. Finally, a month before the regular opening, because we could not resist these appeals, the experiment was tried of opening the room in the evening from 7 to 9. We allowed such books as were ready, to be used in the building, but not to be taken out. The response was overwhelming. It surpassed anything that

necessary to have a policeman outside to keep order on the street. They filled not only the chairs but the tables and the floor as well. It was impossible to get near the shelves. They stood outside in the bitter cold, sometimes an hour and a half, for the privilege of being inside thirty minutes. It was an answer to the sceptics. But, alas! The temptation of slipping an interesting story under a coat or overcoat was too great to be resisted—the books began to disappear. Then, too, the getting ready for, and clearing up after, such a mob delayed the work of cataloging and preparing books for circulation. We decided to close until we were prepared to lend books. The children accepted our decision with regret, but when we opened again came back with the same eagerness as before.

The money raised to start the library was, most of it, in the form of pledges, to be paid in small amounts. When the strike began we feared that it might be difficult to collect enough to carry on the work until that was settled. But, tho money was scarce in the town and many people were pinched, over \$3,000 was paid on the pledges while the strike was going on. This is surely an indication that whatever the future has in store for us financial support will not be lacking.

That the greater part of the miners' reading is purely for recreation is surely as it should be. Imaginative reading is certainly an important part of adult education. Men whose occupation is so rough and dangerous need to be diverted and amused. If western and detective stories can do this we believe in having them, as many as we can afford to buy. We feel that doing this is as beneficial a piece of work as providing more high-brow literature for a different kind of a community.

The Copyright Bill

H. R. 10434

THE copyright bill is now before Congress. A bill prepared by the Author's League of America was entered in Congress on March 17, by Hon. Albert H. Vestal of Indiana, chairman of the House Committee on Patents:

The importations sections, nos. 30-31, are those of chief interest to librarians as book buyers.

These are:

SEC. 30. During the existence of the copyright in any work the author of which is an American citizen, and to which protection is accorded under this Act, and in any work by a foreign author when such work has been published and manufactured within the limits of the United States or its dependencies, under an assignment covering stated rights for the United States, registered in the Copyright Office; then, during the period in which any edition of American manufacture is published and copies of such American

edition sufficient to supply customers are in the possession of the publisher, the importation into the United States of any copies thereof printed or produced by any of the processes mentioned in Sections 28 and 29 of this Act, or of plates or mediums of any kind for making copies thereof (although authorized by the author or proprietor of any foreign copyright), except used copies, shall be, and is, hereby prohibited, after a registration of a claim to copyright or rights under Section 3 of this Act and deposit of two copies of the American edition:

Provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply:

(a) to any work published in the country of origin with the authorization of the copyright proprietor, when imported, not more than one copy at a time, for use and not for sale or hire or profit, in good faith, by or for any person, library or branch thereof, school, college, society or institution incorporated for educational, literary, philosophical, scientific, or religious purposes, or for the encouragement of the fine arts; provided the proprietor of the United States copyright of such work has, within ten days after written demand, declined, or neglected to agree to supply the copy demanded at a price equivalent to the foreign price thereof and transportation charges, plus customs duties when subject thereto, or provided that, at the date of the order of such copy for importation, no registration and deposit of copies of the American edition have been made as aforesaid;

(b) to any work published in the country of origin with the authorization of the copyright proprietor when imported by the proprietor of the United States copyright for the purpose of filling demands for copies thereof made pursuant to the preceding subdivision (a);

(c) to works which form parts of libraries or collections purchased en bloc for the use of societies, institutions or libraries designated in the foregoing paragraph (a), or form parts of the libraries or personal baggage belonging to persons or families arriving from foreign countries and are not intended for sale;

(d) to a foreign newspaper or magazine, altho containing matter copyrighted in the United States printed or reprinted by authority of the copyright proprietor, unless such newspaper or magazine contains also copyright matter printed or reprinted without such authorization.

(e) to motion-pictures and motion-picture photographs;

(f) to the authorized edition of a book in a foreign language or languages;

(g) to works in raised characters for the use of the blind;

(h) to works imported by the authority or for the use of the United States.

Provided, further, that copies imported as above may not be lawfully used in any way to violate the rights of the proprietor of the American copyright or annul or limit the copyright protection secured by this Act, and such unlawful use shall be deemed an infringement of copyright.

SEC. 31. The importation of any copies or substantial reproductions in whole or in part, of any work in which copyright exists, into the United States which if made, published, distributed, exhibited or performed in the United States would infringe such copyright is hereby prohibited.

In the Perkins bill which is still before Congress the importation section is Sec. 41. See LIBRARY JOURNAL for January 1, p. 22.

A Four Million Gift for Library Work

FOUR million dollars for library purposes, the gift of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, has just been announced. Of this sum, one million is to endow a graduate school of librarianship in some great university, soon to be named. Another million is to provide an annual income which will be used to aid other library schools. The third million is for general endowment of the American Library Association. The income will be used by the Association in promoting the extension and development of library service. The fourth million will be used in carrying on the general activities of the Association and in aiding library schools until the three million endowment, in cumulating capital grants, is completed.¹

Thru this gift the Association will be enabled to develop more intensively the small library service. "Of all his benefactions the one nearest Mr. Carnegie's heart was the small library," said Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, president of the Carnegie Corporation, in his statement explaining the grant.

In this, its fiftieth year the A. L. A. intends to raise a substantial endowment for the furtherance of library work, and in announcing the acceptance of the million dollars given for the endowment of the Association, Charles F. D. Belden, president of the Association, states that this gift is to be considered as the first contribution toward that fund.

Libraries in Mexico

IN the colonial period of Mexico's history libraries and books were the exclusive privilege of a minority of religious men, scholars and students. The general public was excluded. The only example of a public library, and historically, the first one of that kind in the country, was opened by the Catholic Cathedral at the end of the eighteenth century, writes Miss Juana Manrique de Lara of the Departamento de Bibliotecas de la Secretaria de Educacion Publica in Mexico City, in the January *News Notes* of the Texas Library Association. The old libraries were established for the exclusive use of the religious convents, or were the property of wealthy Spanish noblemen who were interested in science and religion. Some scientific institutions and the Royal University of Mexico of that epoch also had well-selected collections of books for the use of their students.

This condition prevailed until 1857, when President Ignacio Comonfort gave out a decree founding the National Library, taking for that purpose 90,000 volumes from the libraries of the University of Mexico, the Catholic convents, and the religious colleges. In 1882 the library was definitely established and a fund of \$3,000 appropriated by the government for the purchase of books. It was located in the old church building where it still stands. The book stock is now a quarter of a million volumes, including two hundred incunabula, and the annual budget is \$63,000. In spite of its uncomfortable

quarters, the average daily attendance at the library is about four hundred.

Ten years ago there were ninety-two libraries in the whole country, exclusive of private libraries, but comparatively little use was made of them until after the renaissance of interest in library extension and library science which came soon after with the establishment of a library school by the subdirector of the National Library in 1916. The school was closed two years later, but had several graduates who are now in charge of important libraries in Mexico City. The library movement continued to grow, and in 1921 the Secretary of Public Education created a Library Department, which concentrated its attention on the establishment of small public libraries with a stock varying between 300 and 2,000 books. At the end of the second year after the department was founded, there were 1,272 libraries of this kind scattered thruout the republic, and twenty-four of them were in Mexico City, where the monthly attendance was about fifty thousand. Up to 1924 the total number of libraries founded by the department and furnished with books was four thousand and the number of volumes sent to these libraries, and to many private ones, was 407,476. At the end of the same year three important new libraries were opened in Mexico City: the library of the department of education (17,000 volumes); the Cervantes Library (20,000 volumes); and the "Ibero-Americana" Library, devoted to books by Latin-American au-

thors and dealing with Latin America (10,000 volumes). School and university libraries were also made free to the general public. A bibliographical magazine, *El Libro y el Pueblo*, was founded by the department, and several students were sent to the United States to study modern systems of library economy.

In 1925, under the administration of President Calles, the budget was lowered from \$274,000 to \$238,000, the personnel was cut twenty-five per cent and the hours of work increased. "With fewer resources but full of greater enthusiasm" the department began its year's work with the reopening of the library school with a student body of 120, and devoted its activities primarily to rural, industrial and institutional libraries. *El Libro y el Pueblo* was discontinued in favor of a less technical publication known as "The Bulletin of the Book of the People." Eight thousand copies are issued monthly. A Social Research Library with a collection of about 10,000 volumes on every branch of the social sciences was established. The Library Department does not have absolute control of the libraries outside Mexico City, as they depend financially on the state governments and that of the University of Mexico, but it has the right to assist them in every technical problem. Help is given in modernizing records, classifications, and charging systems. The Department has adopted the Decimal Classification of the Brussels Bibliographical Institute, but some libraries are already classified by the Dewey Decimal Classification. Ninety pupils are registered in the department's correspondence course in librarianship, and a course on school libraries was given at a recent summer school. Two library associations have been formed, the Mexican Library Association and the Library Association of the Free and Independent Librarians of Mexico.

Almost ninety per cent of the visitors to the small public libraries are children. Each library has its children's section. The Library of the Secretary of Education has a special room for children with one thousand five hundred books and an average daily attendance of two hundred, and the Cervantes Library also has a room where the attendance doubles that figure.

Our Contributors

THE nine leading children's librarians who comment on the Winnetka list are: Louise P. Latimer, director of work with children for the District of Columbia Public Library; Clara W. Hunt, superintendent of the children's department of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Public Library; Elva S. Smith, head of the children's department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Alice M. Jordan, supervisor of work with chil-

dren for the Boston (Mass.) Public Library; Emma R. Engle, head of the department for children of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Free Library; Gladys S. Case, principal, work with children of the Los Angeles (Calif.) Public Library; Lillian H. Smith, head of the Boys and Girls division of the Toronto (Ont.) Public Library; Caroline Burnite Walker, instructor in Library Service to Children at the American Correspondence School for Librarianship, and Nina C. Brotherton, principal of the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, Pa. Samuel H. Ranck is librarian of the Grand Rapids Public Library and chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Revenues. Marion Herbert, formerly of the New York and Kingston (N. Y.) public libraries, is now librarian of the Lansford (Pa.) Public Library.

Record of Library Literature

ONE of the publications announced by the A. L. A. for this year is the continuation of H. G. T. Cannons' "Bibliography of Library Economy" bringing that work down to the year 1920. In a few months' time the LIBRARY JOURNAL will publish several lists which will bridge the gap between that year and the end of 1925, among them one on library administration and a series on library buildings—public, college and university, etc. In our next number will appear a brief record of the leading articles on library affairs appearing in American and foreign periodicals during the first three months of this year; and at an early date a list on the social significance of the library which will have suggestions for those preparing articles for publication in connection with the A. L. A. fiftieth year publicity campaign.

A timely list of illustrated editions of high school classics, compiled by Edwin M. Pfitzenreuter, Librarian of Greeley, Colorado, Public Library, has just been issued in mimeographed form (62 pp. 75 cents) by the University of Illinois Library School, Urbana. This list, which is the result of a study of illustrators and illustrated editions made at the School last year, contains brief descriptions and frequently appraisals of the various in-print editions of fiction, essays and poetry commonly found in high school collections. A descriptive list of publishers' series containing illustrated editions, and a list of illustrators with references on their work is also included.

The A. L. A. Executive Board, at its meeting in Atlantic City on March 6-7, appointed a committee to consider the preparation of a union list of foreign government serials. The members are: J. T. Gerould, H. H. B. Meyer, and Frederick C. Hicks.

All Progress is Change

LET us keep in a mood that is friendly to change.

In fifty years libraries have improved scores of ways.

They have now four national organs of information, suggestion and criticism. Fifty years ago, not one.

They have now at least sixty periodicals or occasional bulletins of individual libraries which are more than mere lists of additions. Fifty years ago they had none.

They issue each year several hundred annual reports of specific libraries, each reporting on the success in new environments of old methods and on tests of methods that are in some measure new. Such reports were very rare fifty years ago.

They have now in thirty-nine states groups of officials whose business it is to promote public libraries. Fifty years ago they had none.

Each year they now hold not less than one hundred meetings or conferences for the discussion of points of library management and the distribution of ideas, opinions and results of experiments; these being meetings of librarians in a given state, or in a group of states; or of librarians of libraries of different types, as public, school, college, trade and manufacture, medical, state, scientific and special. Fifty years ago they held only one meeting per year.

They now have, of organized groups of workers in national, state, special and local organizations to promote the development of and use of libraries, not less than one hundred and fifty in active operation. Fifty years ago, they had one.

In these same fifty years libraries have acquired these methods, things and features, to name a few only out of many: Open shelves, admitting children, children's rooms, catalog cards, shelf lists, uniform classification, school libraries, branch libraries, library schools.

These improvements, additions, extensions, tools, customs and whatnot all came to libraries without a precedent survey of four thousand questions, chiefly on minute and unimportant particulars; without an elaborate study of education for librarianship by non-experts on education or in the teaching art; and without any heroic effort at classification, standardization and certification of personnel.

And this question arises:

After we have adopted all the uniformitarian habits and devices, including the supervision of the employment of all public library workers in each state by a group of non-experts at the capitol of each state, and have become com-

pletely militarized; and after, thru exhaustive surveys, we have "scientifically" studied the minute details of the changes which fifty years of development have brought us, shall we—meaning by "we" the whole library movement—advance as rapidly in the next fifty as we have in the fifty just ending? And if we do, will it be because we have completely and "scientifically" surveyed ourselves and know where we now are, and have proclaimed our faith in regimentation, uniformity and the goose-step?

Well nigh every step in advance in the past has been taken in the face of opposition, often the opposition of sheer stupidity, and still more often the opposition of direct protest against change.

When all librarians are made to the same pattern, and carefully standardized thereto as per the directions of non-expert office holders quite alien to library work, condemnation of the new will be more outspoken and effective than ever before. Library work will be as completely a socialistic parade as the most ardent socialist can desire.

Would a standardized librarianship ever have accepted open shelves? Or children's libraries, or library schools not guided by state officials, or apprentice classes, or any of the innovations of the past fifty years?

JOHN COTTON DANA

\$5,000 for an Adverse Criticism

A PRIZE of five thousand dollars is offered by the Pollak Foundation for Economic Research for the best adverse criticism of "Profits," by Foster and Catchings. The authors wish to build on whatever is sound in this book, they want to find out the worst that can be said against their theories. The Foundation reminds intending critics that no one need buy the book in order to enter the contest, since the book may be examined in public libraries, and the time given is ample, reviews being required only on January 1, 1927.

The judges are Owen D. Young, chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Electric Company; Allyn A. Young, of Harvard University, president of the American Economic Association, and Wesley C. Mitchell, of Columbia University, former president of the American Economic Association.

The authors are William Trufant Foster, formerly president of Reed College, and Waddill Catchings, formerly president of the Central Foundry Company and of the Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron Company, and now a member of Goldman, Sachs and Company.

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THE Authors' League modifications of the Solberg measure have at last been introduced into Congress by Representative Vestal of Indiana, as H. R. 10434. The bill transposes the article on the nature of copyright to the front, in line with all other copyright legislation, and changes many details as the result of the process of meeting the various criticisms which have been made in conferences. It is on general lines and in most of its language the same as the Solberg measure, maintaining the principles emphasized by Register Solberg in his introduction to De Wolf's "Outline of Copyright Law," as well as by that writer. Their six points are: (1) the separation of the several rights included in copyright; (2) the same treatment of unpublished as of published works; (3) the abrogation of formalities; (4) a single term in place of renewal; (5) abolition of manufacture as a prerequisite for copyright, and (6) entrance into the International Copyright Union. The bill does not altogether omit the manufacturing clause, but confines its requirement to books of American authorship, a concession made by the representatives of American authors, and it encourages manufacture in the case of works from English authors by limiting importation while an edition is manufactured in this country under contract for exclusive market. The importation sections, 30 and 31, which differ somewhat from the earlier draft, but do not seem to be materially affected in significance or effect, are printed on another page. It is on these that librarians, on the one side, and publishers and authors, on the other, have disagreed, the crux being chiefly in the proviso at the end of section 30 (a). Against this the Bookbuying Committee will continue its contest, and protest from librarians should be sent to members of the House Committee on Patents in connection with the hearings soon to be held, and if the contest is carried into the House, then later to the Representative of the district in which the library is situated. The issue of librarians with authors and publishers is whether, after an author has received royalty on his work as printed in the country of origin—in this case confined to works in the English language—such copies should not be obtainable anywhere in the world without further question. The contention of librarians is that this is the natural and right course which should not be complicated with red tape. Author and pub-

lisher, on the other hand, claim that the author, under his exclusive right to sell, which is the basis of copyright, should be enabled to guarantee an exclusive market to his chosen publisher in any specified territory, this latter right being stated specifically in the original Solberg measure in accordance with copyright practice hitherto. The issue is a broad one which is likely to involve continuing controversy until it is frankly thrashed out in the committee hearings, whence probably it will go to the floor of Congress for final decision.

AT the beginning, and now at the end, of the A. L. A.'s half century, Boston was and is at the front, honored by the presidency of the American Library Association. In the days of Justin Winsor, the Boston Public Library was the pioneer public library in every respect and was the oft-quoted authority in every detail of library progress. Mr. Winsor's right-hand man was James L. Whitney, also an early member of the A. L. A., whose specialty was in ferreting out the names of unknown or concealed personalities on title pages thru the Department of Pseudonyms and Anonyms which for some years he conducted in the LIBRARY JOURNAL, until in his little volume called "A Modern Proteus" he brought to light most of the names hidden up to that time. Since then this work has been of lessening importance. Mr. Whitney later became a successor to Justin Winsor and a predecessor of Charles F. D. Belden, whose experience as state librarian and head of the Massachusetts Library Commission gave him such admirable training both for the librarianship of the Boston Public Library and for the presidency of the A. L. A. In these present days the complete organization of A. L. A. headquarters under the executive direction of the Secretary permits the presidency to be largely an honor, freshly conferred each year. In the early days President Winsor served for ten years, 1876-85, while unremunerated secretaries held office for longer or shorter periods and performed a large part of the work of the organization. The contrast between then and now illustrates the tremendous development of library progress in this country, whence the library torch has been passed on from one country to another until it has kindled a flame of enthusiasm the world around.

Library Book Outlook

THE spring publishing-season is fast approaching its peak; and while there are no especially outstanding works among the books issued during the past fortnight, there is a goodly number of worth-while new books. This seems particularly true of Biography.

Edgar Allan Poe, a Study in Genius, by Joseph Wood Krutch (Knopf, \$4), regards Poe's abnormalities as essential and not accidental to the character of his art. In Mary Duclaux's Life of Racine (Harper, \$4), the author's point of view is almost unique and makes her an excellent guide for the English reader, for it is neither English nor French, but something between the two. Madame de Pompadour, by Marcelle Tinayre (Putnam, \$3.50), is an excellent picture of the curious society of the court of Louis XV, by a distinguished French writer, in an excellent translation. A Huguenot Family in the Sixteenth Century, by Philippe de Mornay (Dutton, \$5), contains the memoirs of Philippe de Mornay, Sieur du Plessis Marly, written by his wife, and translated from the French.

My Apprenticeship, by Mrs. Sidney Webb (Longmans-Green, \$6), combines an intimate autobiography with a contemporary account of Victorian society, and gives a record of the author's training and experience as a special investigator. The Life and Letters of Rear-Admiral Stephen B. Luce, U. S. N., by Albert Gleaves (Putnam, \$4), is of special interest in connection with the founding of the U. S. Naval War College. Forty Years a Gambler on the Mississippi (Holt, \$2), is the unvarnished autobiography of a rough-and-ready gambler of the old type.

Among collective-biography books we find Some American Ladies, by Meade Minnigerode (920, Putnam, 3.50), containing informal biographies of Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison, Elizabeth Monroe, Louisa Adams, Rachel Jackson, and Peggy Eaton; also, Monarchs and Millionaires, by Lalla Vandervelde (920, Adelphi, \$5), an English writer's sketches of interesting personalities, both European and American.

Three other books about celebrated writers—books that are more critical than biographical in nature—treat of as many different Russians. Gogol, by Janko Lavrin (891.7, Dutton, \$2.50), contains an undercurrent of subjective views that ought to prove stimulating to those who enjoy Gogol's works. Pushkin, by Prince D. S. Mirsky (891.7, Dutton, \$2.50), combines biographical and literary details in a simple, straightforward

style, filling a decided gap in English knowledge of this poet. These two books appear in the new Republic of Letters series. The third volume is Dostoevsky, by André Gide (891.7, Knopf, \$2.50), an excellent study translated from the French.

Among travel and adventure books mention must be made of the following: Mystery-Cities, by Thomas W. Gann (917.28, Scribner, \$5), is a narrative of exploration and adventure in Lubaantun, Central America, and is profusely illustrated. Black Haiti, by Blair Niles (917.29, Putnam, \$3.50), is a record of the author's stay in the island, illustrated from photographs. Virgin Spain, by Waldo Frank (914.6, Boni and Liveright, \$3), is a travel-book that gives, at the same time, a picture of Spain and her people, their great past and their slowly awakening hopes for a greater future. An Immigrant in Japan, by Theodate Geoffrey (915.2, Houghton-Mifflin, \$3), is written by a woman who, with her husband, lived for several years in a Japanese fishing-village. An American Among the Riffi, by Vincent Sheean (916.4, Century, \$3.50), is a narrative of recklessly daring travel in the country of the fighting Riffi while they were fighting the Spaniards and as they were prepared to fight the French. The Log of a Shellback, by H. F. Farmer (910, Stokes, \$4), is a narrative of life and adventure before the mast, in the 'nineties.

For the tourist there is American Shrines on English Soil, by J. F. Muirhead (914.2, Macmillan, \$3), an informal account of those English places and people that are intimately associated with American history and celebrated Americans.

Of archæological interest is Digging for Lost African Gods, by Byron Khun de Prorok (913, Putnam, \$6), which is the record of five years' excavation in North Africa.

History and Sociology are represented by a number of good books. The Dance over Fire and Water, by Elie Faure (901, Harper, \$3), is a critical survey of life, man's progression and retrogression, viewed by one of the most stimulating thinkers of France. The Political Consequences of the Reformation, by Robert H. Murray (940.2, Little-Brown, \$4), is a series of studies in sixteenth-century political thought. The Turn of the Century, by Mark Sullivan (973, Scribner, \$5), is a vivid recreation of the happenings of the year 1900-1904, written by a well-known American newspaper-man, and forming the first part of a comprehensive survey of the first quarter of the present century. India,

by Sir Valentine Chirol (954, Scribner, \$3), in the Modern World series, is a serious and responsible book on questions that are all too often treated in a prejudiced and partisan fashion.

The Origin of the Next War, by John Bakeless (327, Viking Press, \$2.50), is a study of present-day world-tensions that may breed war in the years ahead. The Mind of the President as Revealed in His Own Words, by C. Bascom Slemp (320, Doubleday-Page, \$3), gives President Coolidge's views on public questions. The Psychology of Social Institutions, by Charles H. Judd (300, Macmillan, \$2), gives the psychological basis of the social studies, with emphasis on the mutual relationships existing between them and the human intellect.

The American Year-Book for 1925 (317, Macmillan, \$7.50) marks the resumption of publication of this valuable annual record of significant events, personalities, and movements in the United States.

In the special class of Literature fall Plays, Sixth Series, by John Galsworthy (822, Scribner, \$2.50), comprising The Forest, Old English, and The Show; The Great God Brown, The Fountain, The Moon of the Caribbees, and Other Plays, by Eugene O'Neill (812, Boni and Liveright, \$2.50), constituting a new volume in the series of Collected Plays by this author; The Meadows, by John C. Van Dyke (814, Scribner, \$2), a book of essays, subtitled Studies of the Commonplace; The Best Poems of 1925, compiled by Thomas Moulton (811.08, Harcourt-Brace, \$2), continuing this series of annual anthologies of English and American poems; A Book of Nonsense-Verse, compiled by Langford Reed (821.08, Putnam, \$2.50), with selections ranging from Aristophanes to Lewis Carroll; Critical Woodcuts, by Stuart P. Sherman (801, Scribner, \$2.50), with essays on Sherwood Anderson, Willa Cather, Floyd Dell, Ellen Glasgow, D. H. Lawrence, Rose Macaulay, Anatole France, and others; Studies of English Poets, by J. W. Mackail (820.1, Longmans, \$3.75), ten studies, ranging from Shakespeare to Swinburne; The Ethical and Religious Value of the Drama, by Ramsden Balmforth (822, Adelphi, \$2.50), treating both ancient and modern drama, from the Book of Job down to Shaw; and The Genius of Bernard Shaw, by Patrick Braybrooke (822, Lippincott, \$2.50).

Miscellaneous non-fiction books worth considering are: Dollars Only, by Edward W. Bok (177, Scribner, \$1.75), which denounces the pursuit of dollars only, with the emphasis on the "only"; The Confessions of a Capitalist, by Sir Ernest J. P. Benn (177, Scribner, \$5), a sort of companion volume to the preceding, being

a bold justification of money-making, and, incidentally, the actual working-faith of a successful business-man; Science and Scientists in the Nineteenth Century, by Robert H. Murray (509, Macmillan, \$5), a spirited and amusing book, dealing fairly with the strength and the weakness of scientists; Thobbing, by Henshaw Ward (151, Bobbs-Merrill, \$3.50), an attack on those who think without curiosity, those who hold opinions because they find them agreeable; Superpower, Its Genesis and Future, by William S. Murray (621, McGraw-Hill, \$3); Civil Aviation, by the U. S. Department of Commerce and the American Engineering Council (629.1, McGraw-Hill, \$2.50); and Ship-Models, How to Build Them, by Charles G. Davis (699, Marine Research Society, \$5).

New fiction-books by accepted writers are offered in Clara Barron, by Harvey O'Higgins (Harper, \$2), a study of the career of a modern young woman; George Westover, by Eden Phillpotts (Macmillan, \$2), picturing a genial old English gentleman of the Victorian period, one who is still full of energy and sentiment at eighty; The High Adventure, by Jeffery Farnol (Little-Brown, \$2), a characteristic Farnol romance; Pig Iron, by Charles G. Norris (Dutton, \$2), the story of a successful American business-man; The Black Flemings, by Kathleen Norris (Doubleday-Page, \$2), a typical Kathleen Norris novel; The Chip and the Block, by E. M. Delafield (Harper, \$2), picturing an English author's family, particularly a temperamental, egotistical father and his swaggering, brilliant younger son, the "chip of the block"; Teeftallow, by T. S. Stripling (Doubleday-Page, \$2), a novel of the Tennessee hills touching all the mainstays of American life in the South; Man Alone, by George Agnew Chamberlain (Putnam, \$2), the story of a man who loved his work—the glass-blowing industry—and who had been taught by his father to hate all women; The Blue Window, by Temple Bailey (Penn, \$2), the heroine of which, suddenly transferred from country hardships to a high social position, fights to retain her ideals; and Shepherds, by Marie C. Oemler (Century, \$2), the story of a pastor's family set in the factory-district of a fairly large city.

New mystery-stories are offered in Mote House Mystery, by Archibald Marshall and H. A. Vachell (Dodd-Mead, \$2); The Kang-He Vase, by J. S. Fletcher (Knopf, \$2); and The Puzzle Lock, by R. A. Freeman (Dodd-Mead, \$2).

The Sun-Gazers, by H. H. Knibbs (Houghton-Mifflin, \$2), is the only new Westerner before us.

Love Us All, by A. Neil Lyons (A. and C. Boni, \$2), is a volume of distinctive short stories.

The Crime at Vanderlynden's, by R. H. Mottram (Dial Press, \$2.50), completes the War trilogy begun with *The Spanish Farm* and continued by *Sixty-Four, Ninety-Four*.

For the Catholic-fiction collection there is a new Isabel C. Clarke novel, entitled *Selma* (Benziger, \$2).

Among reprints and new editions not previously mentioned are: *A Guide to the Study of Occupations*, by Frederick J. Allen (600, Harvard Univ. Pr., \$2.50), in a revised edition; *Efficient Housekeeping*, by Christine M. Frederick (640, Amer. School of Home Economics, \$2), superseding *Household Engineering* published in 1915; *Food, Its Composition and Preparation*, by Mary T. Dowd (641, Wiley,

\$1.50), a revision of a standard text-book; *Cooking for Profit, Catering and Food-Service Management*, by Alice Bradley (642, Amer. School of Home Economics, \$3), in a revised edition; *The American Dramatist*, by Montrose J. Moses (792, Little-Brown, \$3.50), completely rewritten from the 1911 work; *How to Produce Amateur Plays*, by Barrett H. Clark (793, Little-Brown, \$2), revised and enlarged; *The Book of National Parks*, by Robert Sterling Yard (917.8, Scribner, \$3), the 1919 volume brought up to date; and *Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*, revised and enlarged by Samuel Romilly Roget (413, Longmans-Green, \$2.50).

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Library Organizations

American Library Association

COUNCIL

AT Atlantic City on March 6-7 the Council met in executive session to consider the subject of endowments for the Association. A first gift of one million dollars toward the endowment which the Association intends to raise in this, its fiftieth anniversary year, is announced elsewhere in this issue.

The Council approved the request of the Committee on Bibliography for consideration of means for financing various bibliographical undertakings (see page 334 of this number and the number for February 15, p. 167-170) and accepted the provisional minimum standards for training and apprentice classes presented by the Board of Education for Librarianship. See page 318.

BOOK BUYING COMMITTEE

The Authors' League Plays Jonah Again

FRIENDS of copyright progress must have read with grief and dismay the proposed bill printed in the *Publishers' Weekly* of March 6. Here the Authors' League lets the chance of a generation slip thru its fingers when, at the instance of middlemen, it abandons the great measure of the Copyright Office introduced by Mr. Perkins (H.R. 5841), and sets up a commercial pact in its stead. The authors are an awkward lot at trading, and the result will be no legislation whatever, for all the interests cannot be covered, the public is shut out entirely, and so Congress will let well enough alone. Just a few short weeks ago the League was asserting that it was the Perkins bill it would reintroduce, with but four sections changed. One glance at the patchwork here presented shows it has been swapped out of its clothes as usual.

The urgent need of the writers at this hour is the leadership of a recognized personality who

will make his stand on principle and not compromise it a jot, or countenance any riders. They have a cause that is invincible if they will only stick to it. But starting their campaign on a bargain with the printers just set the publishers going and then the whole kennel was ayelp. When the authors rest their case upon the simple claim that their compositions shall not be stolen no matter how issued, and when so issued may have free course among the people, they will win, and only then. Such a case Mr. Solberg gave them, and in masterly fashion, save for one mistaken sop, but they have not had the faith to follow him to the uttermost. Theirs the failure, not his.

The present bill squares with no ideal. The best that librarians can do with it is to delete the parts that harm them directly, and start afresh in another Session. These parts are found in Sections 30 and 31.

The latter is obscure and capable of sinister application. It is a garbled quotation from the British code, which no one has ever understood or brought to court interpretation. If it means to bar the entry of piratical copies, it can say so in plain language. If that is not its meaning, it hides a snake.

Section 30 is the old anti-importation clause, only in a more brazen form, for the age-long right it proposes to take from the libraries, the scholars and scientists, it boldly hands over to the publishers not merely, but the motion-picture industry as well—a strange quirk of conscience.

The proposal is (1) to forbid entirely the importation of any foreign (tho legitimate) edition of an American work, and (2) to require that all orders for the original edition of a foreign work in English reprinted here be sent exclusively to "the proprietor of the United States copyright," tho used copies, foreign news-

papers and magazines, foreign language books, collections en bloc, travellers' books, motion-pictures and motion-picture photoplays, raised print, and works for the United States are made exempt—none explains why. At present, a library here, as the world over, may buy for its use any legitimate book where it pleases, and the individual has the same privilege, except that the foreign edition of an American author is denied him.

If the publishers have their way, no one, directly or by agent, can safely order a book in English from abroad, if published within the last fifty-six years or till the author is fifty years dead, without first ascertaining from the Copyright Office whether there be an American edition and then asking the reprinter if his edition is in stock. Otherwise, he might find himself a smuggler. Then upon arrival the Custom Houses must make the same inquiries. The result would be paralysis of foreign buying.

And paralysis is just what the publishers aim at, so as to force general reprinting of European works sold here. The public foots the double bill. The needless American plates of the Encyclopædia Britannica cost \$200,000. Every library, then, is affected, whether or not in the habit of importing, for all use English books.

This bill is but a curtain raiser to another, already introduced, which can lead to controlling the price of resale and ending library discounts. Scotch the first attempt, if you would forestall the second.

The way to scotch the first is to write to Mr. Vestal and ask him to make the following excisions from the bill handed him by the Authors' League: Sec. 30, (a), line 1, "in the country of origin"; Sec. 30, (a), second half, beginning with the word "provided"; Sec. 30, (b); Sec. 31.

The members of the House Committee on Patents are Albert H. Vestal (Ind.), Chairman, Randolph Perkins (N. J.), Clarence McLeod (Mich.), Florian Lampert (Wis.), Knut Wefald (Minn.), Charles J. Esterley (Pa.), Godfrey G. Goodwin (Minn.), Henry L. Bowles (Mass.), Fritz G. Lanham (Tex.), William C. Hammer (N. C.), Sol Bloom (N. Y.), James B. Reed (Ark.), Mel G. Underwood (O.), Thomas S. McMillan (S. C.). If yours is one of these States, send a copy of your letter to your Representative on the Committee.

Please act at once and report your action to the undersigned at The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

M. LLEWELLYN RANEY, *Chairman*,
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A. L. A. Committee on Book Buying.

CATALOG SECTION

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Western Reserve Catalogers: Secretary, Florence Stevens, Adelbert College Library, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

League of Library Commissions

OFFICERS of the League for the present year are: President, Milton J. Ferguson, California; vice-presidents, Clarence B. Lester, Wisconsin, and Fannie C. Rawson, Kentucky; secretary-treasurer, Clara F. Baldwin, Minnesota; Members of Executive Board, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Indiana; Anna May Price, Illinois; and Leona T. Lewis, South Dakota.

British Columbia Library Association

AT the last meeting of the Association held in New Westminster, B. C., and attended by some thirty librarians, three sessions were held. The Association was the guest of the City of New Westminster at luncheon and dinner and in the evening an address was given on English humor by Dr. Walker of the University of British Columbia. It was suggested that the

Association try to meet in the interior of the Province next year instead of on one of the coast cities as has always been the practice.

Eastern School Libraries

A MEETING of all librarians in the Eastern Section of the United States, who are interested in the development and progress of school library work is planned for April 30-May 1 at Hartford and Bridgeport (Conn.)

The meeting will be under the supervision of Nell Unger, A. L. A. regional director and New York State supervisor of school libraries, Albany, N. Y., and Meta Schmidt, chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on High School Libraries and librarian of the William Penn High School, Philadelphia, Pa., with the co-operation of the presidents of the various Associations of school librarians in the East.

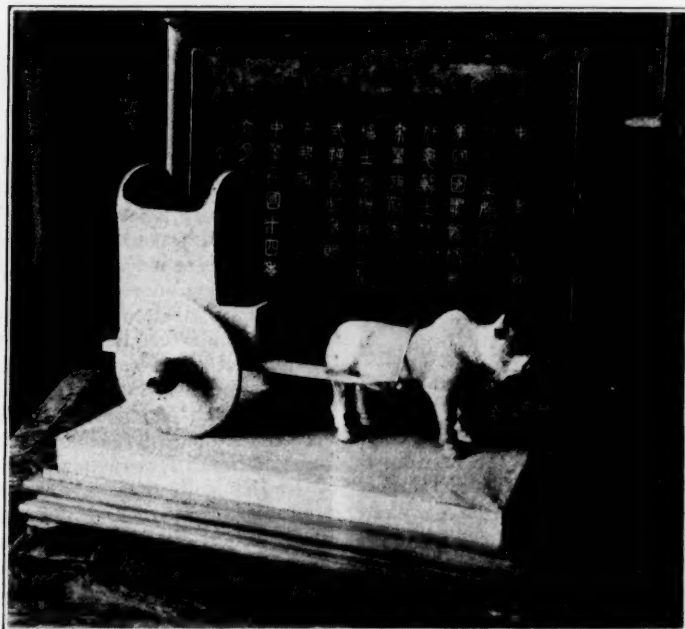
It is hoped that many may be able to arrange to accompany a group of librarians who are planning to meet in Hartford on the morning of April 30, to visit the Hartford High School and the Weaver Memorial High School libraries and, in the afternoon, to make a tour of the

many points of literary interest in that city. This group will spend the night in Hartford, arriving in Bridgeport on Saturday in time for the morning session at the Warren Harding High School.

The libraries of the Warren Harding High School, Bridgeport, and the Weaver High School, Hartford, Conn., probably conform more nearly to the "Certain Standards" adopted by the N. E. A. and the A. L. A. than any high school libraries east of Detroit. For this reason alone a visit to these libraries should prove a delight to all who are interested in the progress of school library work.

The program on Saturday, May 1, at Bridgeport will include discussion by prominent architects of plans for a model school library, an exhibit of plans approximating the "Certain Standards," and addresses and round table discussions on subjects of interest. A detailed program of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the LIBRARY JOURNAL. For further immediate information, address Miss Unger, Miss Schmidt or the presidents of the respective associations of school librarians.

From the Chinese Library Association to the A. L. A. Greeting



The Chinese Library Association soon after its founding last summer sent greeting to the American Library Association thru Dr. Bostwick, official delegate of the A. L. A. With the greeting was sent a finely modelled ox and cart, the cart of a pattern used a thousand years ago for the transportation of manuscripts, and, therefore, probably the world's first book truck model.

Current Literature and Bibliography

The "Union List of Foreign Serials Cited in the Psychological Index" just published by the National Research Council in mimeographed form shows that of 190 foreign serials cited in the *Psychological Index*, 140 are received in the libraries of Washington, two are received by them which are not received in any other library in the country, and fifty are received by other libraries which are not received in Washington.

By the first of September it is expected that the preliminary mimeographed edition of the text books on cataloging and circulation work in preparation under Dr. Charters' supervision will be ready. The plan is to publish the books in final form next year after instructors in the library schools have had an opportunity to test the material during the fall and winter.

The A. L. A. Survey urges all who receive requests to verify statements on practice on certain points to give these requests immediate attention. Many statements may be accurate so far as they go, but the information given in reply to the questionnaire may have been insufficient to give the statement as much value as it might have. If the first two volumes of the Survey report are to be published, as announced, before the 1926 conference prompt and careful attention to these questions is necessary.

Under the title "The Boxer Indemnity and the Library Movement in China" have been collected by Mary Elizabeth Wood the official documents pertaining to the Boxer indemnity and public libraries in China. Readers of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* need not be reminded of Miss Wood's valuable contribution toward the success of the movement to have some of the indemnity money made available for library development.

The needs of college students—as distinguished from those of normal and high school students already provided for—have been kept particularly in mind in the "Elements of Library Methods," by L. D. Arnett, librarian of West Virginia University. The book gives the substance of the course given by Dr. Arnett for some years at the West Virginia University to help students to use their library to better advantage and to assist those preparing to teach in high schools, and the two semesters are urged on those preparing to teach while the first suffices for those desirous of learning how to use a library. "The trained librarian will find little that is new in the book," says Dr. Arnett in his preface," except that information on some

subjects heretofore scattered in different publications, has been brought together." (New York: G. E. Stechert and Co., 1925. 225p. \$2.)

Analytical entries for 27 titles in Göteborgs Kungl. Vetenskaps och Vitterhets-samhälles Handlingar. 4th ser. v. 14-22,28, will be printed by the University of Chicago Library: The Library of Congress will not print these entries and the University of Chicago Library will therefore hold copy until May 15th, 1926, in order to give other libraries owning this set an opportunity to subscribe for sets of cards. The charge is one and one-half cents per card. Orders should be addressed to the Card Department, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois.

Archiv für Bibliographie, Buch- und Bibliothekswesen is announced as a quarterly to begin in January under the editorship of Moriz Grolig of Vienna with the aid of a long list of experts in many countries. The first number has not yet reached us; but the publisher's announcement outlines a comprehensive program for the *Archiv* which will aim to provide information on every branch of bibliography. The two American collaborators listed are attached to rather long outgrown addresses: Mr. Bishop to the Library of Congress and Mr. Josephson to the John Crerar Library. (Linz a.d. Donau, Austria: Franz Winkler.)

As circumstances permit, the A. L. A. Executive Board will request support from the usual giving agencies for funds to supplement and reinforce present Library of Congress resources to be expended at the discretion of the Librarian of Congress for three registers of bibliography now in process—the Library of Congress union catalog, a registration list for unpublished bibliographical undertakings (such as the unpublished titles of the International Catalogue, the cumulated material of the Zurich Index and the bibliography of marine fauna at South Kensington), and a similar list of special collections in American libraries. Approval was also asked of the A. L. A. Council by Ernest C. Richardson, chairman of the Committee on Bibliography, of a request for means to organize such aspects of this problem of research books as cannot, for political or practical reasons, be handled by the Library of Congress, these to be expended under the direction of the Executive Board of the A. L. A. and thru its treasury. A full presentation of the main points involved in these requests will be found in the paper by Dr. Richardson printed in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for February 15.

In the Library World

New York

FOURTH in size among privately-owned medical libraries after the Surgeon General's office, with a collection of 100,000 volumes, and itself the only public medical library on Long Island, and the oldest public library in Brooklyn aside from the precursor of the Institute's collection, the library of the Medical Society of the County of Kings is given space for two illustrated articles by Charles Frankenberger, librarian, and W. Browning, directing librarian, in the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce weekly, *Brooklyn*, for Jan. 23 and Feb. 6, 1926. The library is outnumbered only by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the New York Academy of Medicine and the Boston Medical Library. The library itself was established in 1844. Its sponsor, the Medical Society of the County of Kings, is the oldest scientific organization in Brooklyn, having celebrated its centenary in 1922. The library has grown not only by the accession of the large libraries of over fifty deceased members, but has also secured a series of other notable accessions by gift or subscription.

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE'S Free Public Library was organized by act of Council in April, 1902, and opened for the circulation of books in quarters in the old Bijou Theater on the site where the Kaufman-Straus building now stands. The latter building is owned by the library and brings it a revenue of \$36,000 a year, according to a sketch of the library's history in the Louisville *Herald-Post* for March 21. The article is illustrated with photographs of branch librarians and heads of departments, and of the librarian, George T. Settle. Mr. Settle came to the library in April 1912, succeeding William F. Yust, librarian since January 1905.

The present building at Fourth and Library Place was completed in 1908 and occupied in July of that year. At that time the library consisted only of the main building and one white and one colored branch. The Highland branch, first of the branches, was established in temporary quarters in the car barn offices at Highland and Baxter Avenues and went into the Carnegie building at Highland Avenue and Cherokee Road in February, 1908. Andrew Carnegie had contributed \$250,000 for the main building in 1902, to which the city added \$150,000. In 1906 Mr. Carnegie gave an additional \$200,000 which was used in the creation of eight branches. The sites for all branch libraries, with the exception of the Western Colored, were given by interested citizens in the respec-

tive neighborhoods. The site for the Eastern Colored Branch cost \$4,000, of which \$1,000 was raised by negroes living in that neighborhood. One tenth of the total circulation in Louisville is among the colored population.

On the same day on which this sketch of the history of the library appeared in the *Herald-Post* the *Courier-Journal* carried a full-page story, fully illustrated, on the Henry Watterson Memorial collection and the contest conducted by the *Courier-Journal* for a suitable book plate for the collection. The winning book plate was reproduced in the March 15th issue of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL*. The nearly seven thousand volumes with Colonel Watterson's desk, portraits, busts, and other memorabilia, will occupy an alcove probably in the art room on the second floor of the library building next fall.

Illinois

BRANCHES on the installment plan are under consideration in Chicago. The plan, pronounced to be legal, is to have branch libraries erected by a private concern and leased to the public library on terms that provide for the amortization of the cost within a given period, says the *Chicago Journal*. The proposal by the Shank Company provides for the erection of buildings approved by the library board and their leasing to the board at such a price that at the expiration of ten years the full cost of the sites and the buildings will have been paid. At that time the title is to be turned over to the board, free of incumbrances, upon the payment of one dollar. If it is found advisable to amortize over a period of twenty years, the board is to have the option either to take title to the properties at the expiration of ten years and assume the unpaid balance, or to lease for an additional ten years, at the expiration of which period the properties will have been fully paid for and the title is to be vested in the board. Titles to the properties are to be held by a trust company with power to collect and apply the rentals on interest and retirement of bonds until paid or assumed by the board. According to Carl B. Roden, the librarian, the erection of each branch library would cost about \$75,000, and equipment, including a book stock of 15,000 or 20,000 volumes, about \$20,000. Operating costs would be about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per branch per year. Under present financial conditions the library board can hardly build more than two branches a year, whereas fifty are needed. Adequately staffing so large a number of branches erected at the same time would be another problem.

Michigan

OPENING on February 2, 1889, with a capacity of 20,000, the building of the Alma College Library at Alma now has over 35,000 volumes exclusive of unbound pamphlets and periodicals. The first librarian was the Rev. Job Pierson, whose son-in-law, Beverly Chew, the eminent collector, gave many of its most treasured books to the library. The other incumbents of the position since then have been Elizabeth B. Case, May Z. Springer, Minnie L. Converse, Helen L. Coffin, Essay G. Hooper (Mrs. C. W. Sidebotham), Edith L. Cook, Helen B. Cook (Mrs. John H. Collier), and Annette P. Ward (since 1919). A course in library methods has been included in the curriculum since 1913 for which credit is allowed in the English department of the college.

THE Flint Public Library celebrated last month the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Ladies Library Association of Flint. An address by Judge Edward D. Black on "Seventy-five Years," one on The Library in a Democracy by Dr. Arthur F. Bostwick, fittingly marked the third quarter century of the Association which was organized March 22, 1851, "for the purpose of reading and mental improvement," "the funds . . . appropriated to the purchase of books and periodicals, in order if possible to establish a permanent library." Flint at that time had a population of about 1200. The movement was so successful that the Association was incorporated in 1853. A lot for a library building was bought in 1867, and the corner stone laid in the fall of that year. Next year, Governor H. H. Crapo dedicated the building at West Kearsley and Beach Streets. Anniversaries of the Society were celebrated in 1871 and 1876. In 1885 the Association transferred by deed all its property to the Union School District of Flint. The High School library books were added and as a public library it continued until 1905. Andrew Carnegie gave the city \$25,000 for a building, which was opened in that year of the city's Golden Jubilee. Gradual expansion has taken place until today the Carnegie building houses only the adult collection while the juvenile library and all work-rooms are provided for in the temporary building at Beach and Second Streets, and there are now seven branch libraries, including three excellent high school libraries, and numerous deposit libraries.

Missouri

A NEW branch, for which ground was broken on March 4, is noteworthy as the result of co-operative planning. The present branch librarians and others interested were asked more than a year ago to prepare lists of features

which their experience had taught them should be incorporated in a branch library building. These suggestions when submitted were assembled and discussed one by one in open meeting, thus fixing upon those on which there was general agreement. These were submitted to the architect, Mr. Wilbur T. Trueblood of St. Louis, and they have been all incorporated in the new building.

This branch, to be named the George O. Carpenter Branch in honor of the president of the Library Board, who presented the site, which will probably be the last building to be aided from the St. Louis Carnegie gift, will be, writes Dr. Bostwick, one of the most interesting branch buildings in the country.

The building, which will face on Grand Boulevard, will occupy nearly the entire frontage on that street and will extend 45 feet on Utah Place. It will include a main library building, with about 100 feet front, and connected with it a one-story annex, 30x60 feet, which will contain a large assembly room and also space for the preparation and serving of refreshments in connection with meetings. This will be a great improvement on the basement rooms generally used for this purpose in branch libraries. The annex will be so constructed that it can be raised to the height of two stories at any time when additional library space is required. Building and equipment will cost about \$125,000.

Louisiana

RICHLAND is the first parish in Louisiana to vote a parish library under the library law, supported by the police jury and administered by a trained librarian appointed by them. This is doubtless also the first victory won by the Louisiana Library Commission in its campaign outlined in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for January 15 (p. 92).

Kansas

MORE than 35,000 books, carefully chosen and graded, have been placed in rural school libraries in Kansas within four months, says the U. S. Bureau of Education, thru the activities of the Kansas State Reading Circle, a new department of the State Teachers' Association, with the co-operation of county superintendents and teachers of rural schools. The books are selected by a committee appointed jointly by the State department of the State Teachers' Association board of directors of the teachers' association. Supplies are obtained in carload lots, the publishers allowing the association a discount of from 10 to 50 per cent from list prices. The association furnishes books to the schools at a liberal discount.

Library Work

Fire Protection of Records

ARCHITECTS of libraries may find some useful suggestions in the progress report of the Committee on Protection of Records submitted to the National Fire Protection Association, 40 Central st., Boston, which is, however, subject to change before final adoption and not to be interpreted as a standard of the Association. Specifications are given for ground supported vaults and structure supported vaults.

Librarians themselves will be interested in the committee's remarks on records and its proposed schedules for the period of time for which records should be retained, altho it is probable that few libraries have as many or as elaborate records as are here enumerated. "Obsolete and useless records take up valuable floor space, occupy costly filing equipment, entail constant labor costs for filing them, transferring them to make room for current records, or searching through them for old data frequently rather casually called for. Perhaps the most serious objection to retaining these old and useless records is that they frequently occupy space in vaults, safes and other protective containers, to the exclusion of much more important current material. Often accumulations of old records are objectionable merely by reason of their presence in vaults, because they add to the combustible contents, and constitute an exposure to important records."

Picture Collections in American Libraries

NEARLY four million pictures on a wide range of subjects are listed in state and public libraries, the great majority of them available for public education or entertainment anywhere in the United States. The statistics were compiled from a questionnaire sent to all public libraries having more than a thousand volumes and to all state superintendents of instruction by the Trans-Lux corporation in connection with the picture library service it has created for the benefit of users of the Trans-Lux daylight picture screen and opaque projectors in visual education in the schools and in church work.

The city library of Springfield, Mass., leads with nearly half a million pictures, covering practically every subject, with large and well classified sets on industrial processes, textile design, and health and safety in industry. Providence is next with 300,000 pictures, one-third of them geographical, 50,000 dealing with zoology, and 40,000 with birds and bird life; Buffalo

has 200,000; Newark, 175,000, including 18,000 on American history, comparing with the 10,000 pictures relating to the history of Virginia in the State Library at Richmond. The District of Columbia has 163,000 pictures, covering all listed subjects except mathematics, and the New York Public Library 150,000. Cleveland leads the classification of masterpieces of art, ancient and modern, with 56,000 pictures. Minneapolis has 5000 pictures listed under music. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., has 18,000 mounted photographs on all phases of ancient and modern art. Haverhill, Mass., has 55,000, largely illustrative of New England history and the Whittier country. Half of the 10,000 pictures at St. Louis are listed under geography. Newark has 25,000 pictures illustrative of the Bible and Biblical subjects. Springfield has 15,000 pictures illustrating industrial processes, 75,000 textile design pictures and 40,000 listed under mechanics.

These lists are being largely augmented by similar classified data from foreign consulates and from publishers. The completed Trans-Lux picture library service will show more than five million pictures that are available for educational and church purposes, with full information concerning them.

Problems of Accounting Libraries

IF THE accounting profession continues to advance, as it has in the past, it will do so, at least in part, upon its literary foundations, which is an indispensable element of every recognized profession," says a member of that profession quoted by Louise S. Miltimore, librarian of the American Institute of Accountants, in her contribution to a symposium on key problems of special libraries in *Special Libraries* for February. The work of her library is divided into three parts: that of the reference library, the bureau of information and the circulating collection. When a problem is submitted in person, by telephone, by telegraph or by letter the answer is given either by indicating the proper subject heading in the *Accountants' Index* and typing and sending supplementary references, or by making abstracts of the data desired. In some cases books, pamphlets and articles are sent under the rules of the circulating library instead of merely the abstracts. When the answer cannot be found in print members of the Institute are called upon for assistance. Neither advisor nor person seeking advice knows the identity of the other. Help is frequently given in this way by accounting firms when this can be done without

breach of confidence. The circulation collection is limited to the Institute's membership, altho the reference library is open to all persons interested in accountancy. Questions and answers are eventually printed in bulletin form. At first these bulletins were sent only to members, but more recently have been sold to non-members, since they have proved of considerable interest to accountants in general.

Specific requests for literature as apart from inquiries for information are included in Miss Miltimore's list of thirty-three typical questions. Thus, advice has been asked from the library in the choice of books on costs in the contracting business, history of accounting, cost accounting for a lumber mill and wood working shop, statistics on the automobile parts business, hotel, club and restaurant accounting, business budgets, production and refining of crude oil, foundry costs, best texts to use in preparing for C. P. A. examinations, mine accounting, municipal and county auditing, payroll distribution and transportation. Other requests were made for information on delivery costs in department stores, methods of valuing leaseholds, the standard definitions of accounts as made up by the Committee on Terminology, Hoskold's formula used by the U. S. Treasury Department, a list of states having no C. P. A. laws and another of those having the waiver clause and those issuing reciprocal certificates, sinking fund tables, and a classification of accounts necessary to companies engaged in the rubber industry and the manufacture of tires.

An Industrial Relations Library

TO reflect as faithfully as possible the existing relationships of employers and employees is the special aim of the Industrial Relations Section of the Department of Economics and Social Institutions at Princeton University, states the director, Robert F. Foerster, in the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* for December 9, 1925. The collection with its 17,000 catalog entries is still in the main a bookless library, and Dr. Foerster warns the casual reader that if what he wants is definiteness, decisiveness, roundedness, he may find them in the ordinary textbook on labor, but he will miss them in this library.

Typical examples of topics within the zone of interest of the library include methods of handling grievances and disputes; the regularization of employment; turnover of labor; activities of employment and personnel departments; education and training; recreation arrangements; suggestion systems; medical service and industrial hygiene; the prevention and relief of accidents; group insurance; sickness and death benefits arrangements of whatever kind; pensions; the housing of employees; co-

operative and company stores; methods of saving and the development of thrift; labor banks; profit sharing; acquisition of stock; and employee control thru representation. Nearly seven hundred periodicals are currently received; 79 journals of trade unions, substantially a complete series of trade union journals available; and 545 employee periodicals, issued under the auspices of the individual employing companies, besides a large number publication of which has been discontinued. These are all bound. House organs which are without a bearing upon employee relationships are excluded. With the growth of the library the individual letter of request has taken the place of the library's original policy of sending circular letters to thousands of corporations and organizations asking for material.

Institution Library Work

REGULARITY of service, the personality of the librarian, and the judicious selection of the books to be used count most in the administration of state institution libraries, according to Miriam E. Carey, supervisor of Minnesota institution libraries, in *Wisconsin Library Bulletin* for February. In Minnesota the centralization of the work makes it possible to conduct several novel enterprises, such as a series of travelling libraries for the insane and another for the county sanatoria. From headquarters in the capitol contact is maintained with eighteen institutions, all of which have some sort of library service. Organized library service in institutions is "the best thing that can be introduced," says Miss Carey. "It will simplify discipline. There will be peace and contentment on wards and in dormitories and cells. There will be an easy but effective filling of the leisure time of all the residents. . . . It will bring permanent benefit to many by the acquiring of two habits which are assets in the life of any human being, namely, the reading habit and the library habit."

In institutions in which the percentage of readers will always be very small a long-range supervisor is generally sufficient. Full-time librarians are desirable but not indispensable.

The aim of book selection in institutions for children is to assemble such books as will make them enjoy reading, to put within their reach books suitable for their age, and to secure eventually such a library that they will know and appreciate the best things. The reading habit is very easily acquired in an institution, and so is the library habit, if the work conforms to the best outside practice. Leaving the institution eventually, finding themselves "strangers in a strange land," the children will find themselves at home at least in a public library.

The literary tastes of the insane are normal, on the whole, altho some of them prefer a book with some size to it, preferably a volume of the encyclopedia. "Some of them are quite choosy—they want the best sellers—others want solid things that they may improve their minds, they say, while they have so much time."

In prisons especially the library should be recognized as a department of the institution, having its own organization, a place in the budget, and obligations to show results commensurate with expenditure. There should be a librarian with a group of assistants to attend to all the details of the service including the repair and binding of books. It is of especial advantage to operate the library in a large way in prisons and thus to find occupation for a number of men who would otherwise be idle. "The more isolated the situation of a man, the greater the danger of his losing his mind, and there is no department of a prison which can help in the preservation as well as the development of a man's mental faculties as the library

can." The library staff should be able to prepare lists of books for printing in the prison paper or institutional periodical. The advertisement of the new books is the best way to prevent their becoming perquisites of the officers or of the favorites of the librarians.

The A. L. A. standard of one dollar per capita can be successfully applied here. A prison having a population of one thousand should have a library budget of about one thousand dollars. The fees paid by visitors to prisons are usually applied to the upkeep of the library.

It may seem "obvious" to librarians that a library should have its place in every institutional budget, yet comparatively few institutions do provide for a library in such a manner. They prefer to depend upon donations for book supply, a very poor method of securing a first rate collection. A campaign of education is never amiss to show, or to ask for the opportunity to show, how great the returns are in proportion to the amount appropriated for the proper maintenance of institution libraries.

Among Librarians

Elizabeth Austin, 1923 Simmons, will in July take charge of the training class of the Omaha Public Library. She will also do reference work.

Lila May Chapman, for seventeen years with the Birmingham Public Library, succeeded Lloyd W. Josselyn as director on March 10th.

Minnie A. Dill, 1897 Pratt, who has been for thirty-four years at the Decatur (Ill.) Public Library—for most of the time assistant librarian—succeeds the late Alice G. Evans as librarian.

Edward E. Eggers, some time ago erroneously announced in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* as branch librarian in Pittsburgh, is librarian of the Allegheny (Pa.) Carnegie Library, a post which he has held since 1904. This library was not only the first gift made by Andrew Carnegie to a community in the United States, but was, according to the *Pittsburgh Press*, one of the first to open a children's room, which dates from shortly after Mr. Eggers' appointment.

Myrtle Funkhouser, 1923 Washington, assistant superintendent of Traveling Libraries for the State of Washington, is now acting superintendent, in place of Eleanor Stephens, whose appointment as assistant librarian in the Los Angeles (Calif.) County Library we have already recorded.

Bernice Hayes leaves the reference department of the University of Washington Library to be an assistant in the Solano County Library, California.

Olive Kincaid, 1922 Washington, cataloger in Reed College Library, appointed assistant librarian of the Punahou School in Honolulu.

Ethel Miller, 1925 Washington, leaves the Seattle Public Library to become assistant librarian at Longview, Wash.

Caryl Miller, 1924 Simmons, has been appointed librarian of the High School Library at Springfield, Ohio.

Muriel Moxley, 1924 Simmons, becomes librarian of the new Bulkeley High School Library, at Hartford, Conn., May 1.

Laura Neiswanger, 1923 Simmons, joins the cataloging staff of the Detroit Public Library, April 1.

Hazel Randall, 1923 Simmons, has been appointed librarian of the Cohasset (Mass.) Public Library.

Mary E. Robbins, who is at present teaching at the winter session of the Riverside Library Service School, will again be in charge of the summer courses at Columbia University July 6-August 13.

Celeste Slauson, 1925 Washington, appointed assistant in the County Library, Medford, Ore.

Katherine Warren, 1914 Simmons, appointed cataloger at the College of the Holy Cross Library, Worcester, Mass.

Mildred L. Walker, head of the Children's Department, Flint (Mich.) Public Library for the past five years, has been appointed consulting librarian for Wagenvoort & Company, Lansing, Mich.

Librarians for the Metropolitan Library at Peking have been appointed: Dr. Liang Chi Chao, chief librarian, and Mr. Li Sze-Kuan, associate librarian—two prominent Chinese scholars. The technical administration is to be in the hands of Mr. Yuan Tong-Li, now librarian of the National University, whose library training was obtained in the United States.

Louis Round Wilson was the guest of his staff at a dinner in Chapel Hill on March 17 to celebrate the completion of twenty-five years in his present position as librarian of the University of North Carolina. During these years the university library, now the largest in the Southeast, has grown from 32,000 volumes in 1901, to 155,000, serving a student body of 2,300, maintaining a vigorous extension service to every county of the state, for many years offering courses in library economy. Plans have been drawn for a new building, to cost over \$1,000,000, which will relieve the present severe congestion of books and service.

Intellectual progress in North Carolina has owed much to the enthusiasm and hard work of Dr. Wilson, who was one of the founders of the state Library Association in 1904, served as its secretary until 1909, and as president in 1909-10, and again in 1921-23. The establishment of the state Library Commission, of which he was chairman from 1909 to 1916, was due largely to his efforts. In 1907 he was instrumental in bringing the A. L. A. to Asheville for its only meeting in the Southeast. He is at present chairman of the Southeastern Library Association.

Library Opportunities

POSITIONS WANTED

Cataloger, young woman, with two and a half years' college and two years' experience, wants position in or near New York. Salary about \$1,500. R. T. 7.

Librarian with good general education, one year's library school and eight years' experience as head of a catalog department, wants similar position in college or public library in a city of 50,000 population. K. R.

Experienced librarian desires position as librarian of small library—or as assistant librarian or cataloger in larger library. Address H. G. 7.

Position as library assistant in business library. Graduate of public library training course, five and one-half years' experience in a public library, one year's experience in a chemical library and over a year's experience in a banking library. Would prefer cataloging. Use touch system of typing. R. E. 7.

POSITIONS OFFERED

Wanted at once for the position of librarian for the Low Memorial Library at St. John's University, Shanghai, China, young woman, 25 years or over, able to pass a rigorous physical examination, preferably one who has had training in library science and experienced in modern cataloging and other library routine. Applicants must be communicants of the Episcopal Church. The appointee will have to learn Chinese after arrival in the field. For further information write to Rev. A. B. Parson, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Cataloger wanted for special library in middle west. Training or experience in field of government, sociology or economics desirable but not essential. Position now open. M. W. 7.

Wanted, librarian for college library. College degree and library school degree desirable. Engagement from September 1, 1926. Knowledge of cataloging essential. Address: Director, Carleton College Library, Northfield, Minnesota.

Wanted, assistant in small city library in the East. Some experience and training required, especially in children's department. Position open immediately. J. V. 7.

Wanted, reading room librarian, who will also serve as matron of girls' dormitory. Qualifications: maturity, love of young people, and some library experience. Work from August 16 to May 6, with two weeks vacation at Christmas. Salary, \$75 a month besides board and room. Good opportunity for someone wishing a year of travel. Location in redwood forest region close to ocean. Apply for further information to C. Edward Graves, librarian, Humboldt State Teachers College, Arcata, Calif.

The Civil Service Bureau at St. Paul, Minn., announces an examination (residence requirements waived) to be held April 21, in St. Paul, for a reference librarian, present salary limits \$121.60 to \$151.60 monthly. Applicants must meet one of the following two requirements: (a) Two years of college with one and one-half years of library experience, one-half year of which experience must have been in a grade equivalent to that of general library assistant. (b) Two years of college with one year of completed study in a library school of recognized standing.

This examination will consist of (a) Practical questions or tests relating to the duties of the position, 5 points; (b) Education and experience, 5 points.

Examinations are prepared and rated by specially appointed experts in the particular line of employment.

For application blank and further information, call at the Civil Service Bureau, Room 201, Commerce Bldg. Questions used in former examinations are open for public inspection at the Bureau.

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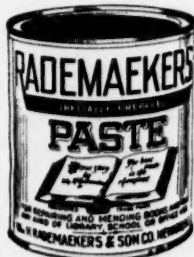
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- April 8-9. At Eustis. Florida Library Association.
- April 14. Boston Group of Catalogers and Classifiers will meet at the W. E. & I. U. at 6 o'clock.
- April 22-24. At Signal Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Southeastern Library Association. As already announced in the JOURNAL (March 1, p. 239), national committees will meet with the Southeastern Association and a large gathering is expected. Reservations ought to be made at once with the Signal Mountain Hotel.
- April 22-24. At Signal Mountain. Tennessee Library Association in conjunction with the Southeastern Library Association.
- April 27-29. At Tulsa, Okla. Southwestern Library Association.
- April 28. At Woonsocket. Rhode Island Library Association.
- April 28-30. At Tulsa, Okla. Oklahoma Library Association.
- April 30-May 1. Eastern school librarians' meeting at Hartford (April 30) and Bridgeport (May 1).
- May 12-14. At Mount Vernon. Thirtieth annual conference of the Illinois Library Association.
- June 10-12. At Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park. Minnesota Library Association.
- June 21-26. At the Lake Placid Club. New York Library Association.
- June 22-24. At Barre. Vermont Library Association.
- June 28-30. At Littleton. New Hampshire Library Association.
- June 30-July 2. At Manistee. Michigan Library Association.
- June 28-July 3. At Prague, Czechoslovakia, International Congress of Librarians. Papers will be officially translated into French, English, German, Russian.
- July 6-8. At Iowa City. Iowa Library Association.
- Oct. 4-8. At Atlantic City. Seventeenth annual convention of the Special Libraries Association. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Chelsea, which will also be headquarters of the National Association of State Libraries.
- Oct. 4-9. At Atlantic City. Forty-eighth annual conference of the American Library Association and affiliated and other associations.
- The Pennsylvania Library Association meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Library Association at Atlantic City during the week of October 4.
- Oct. 7-9. At Anaconda. Montana Library Association.
- Dec. 8-10. At Indianapolis. Indiana Library Association. The Indiana Library Trustees Association will hold its meeting in conjunction with the Indiana Library Association.
- The Maine Library Association will hold its annual meeting late in May or early in June at Auburn.
- The Wisconsin Library Association will probably hold its annual meeting early in September.
- The fall meeting of the Virginia Library Association will probably be held in November.
- The North Dakota Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Jamestown probably in September.
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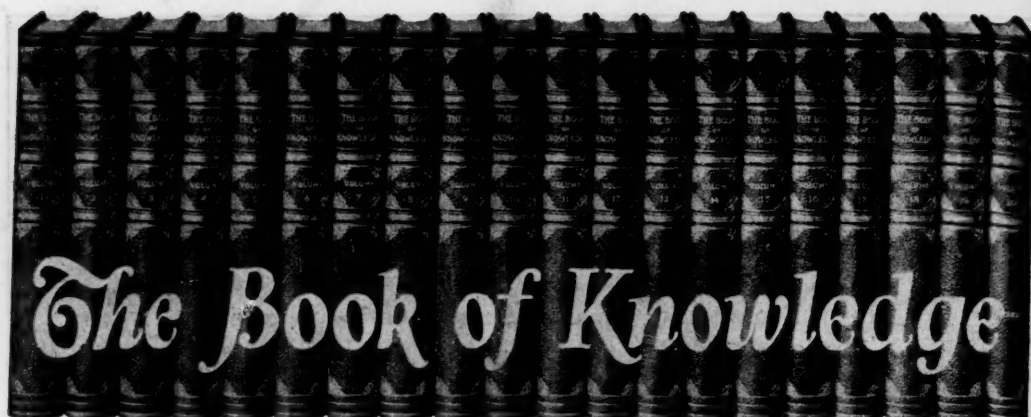
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